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LUGER WILL
HELP YOU.



YOU KNOW
THAT I WORK
ALONE!

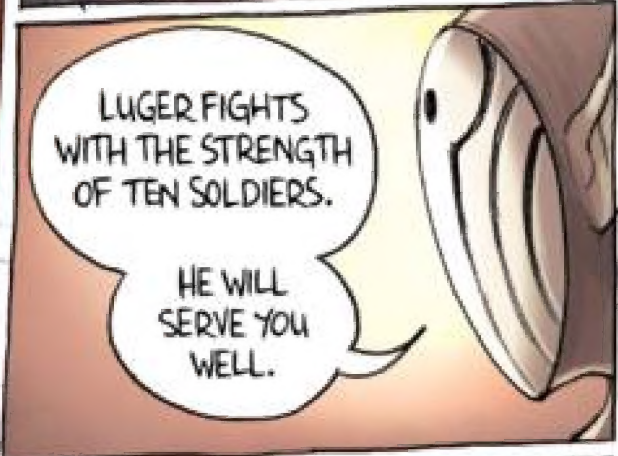


WHY DO YOU
RESIST?

DID YOU NOT
ASK ME TO LEND
YOU MORE
SUPPORT?



I ASKED FOR
FOOT SOLDIERS,
NOT A
CHAPERONE!



LUGER FIGHTS
WITH THE STRENGTH
OF TEN SOLDIERS.

HE WILL
SERVE YOU
WELL.



YOU TRUST
HIM MORE THAN
YOU TRUST ME.









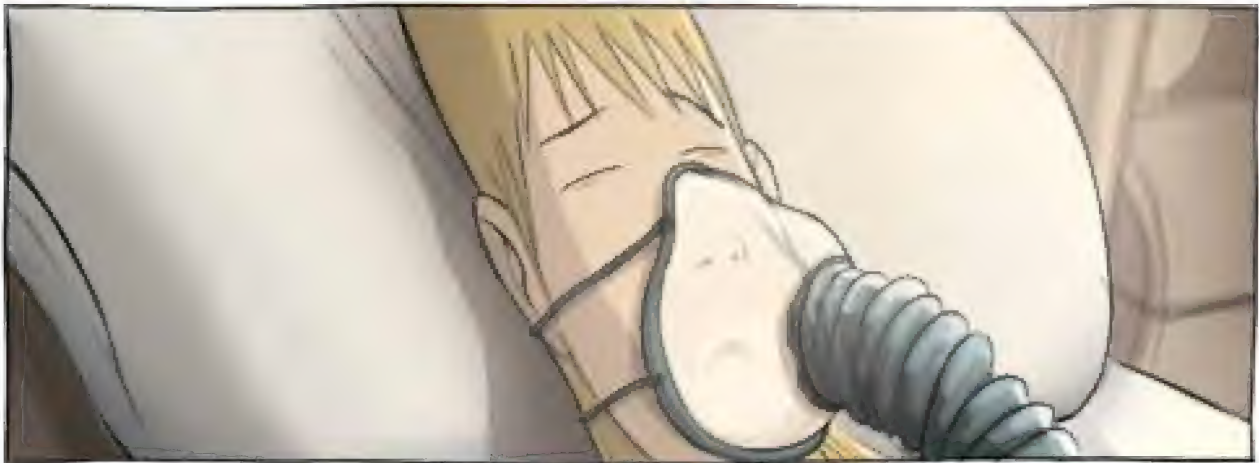


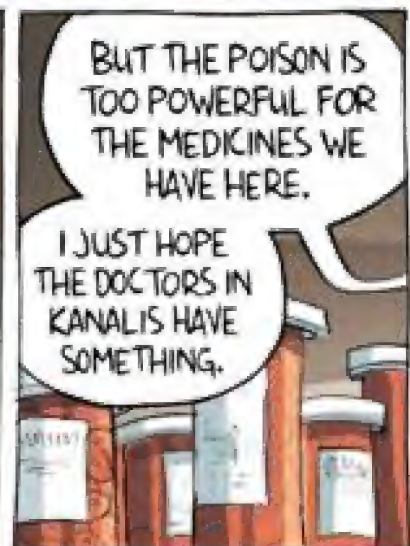


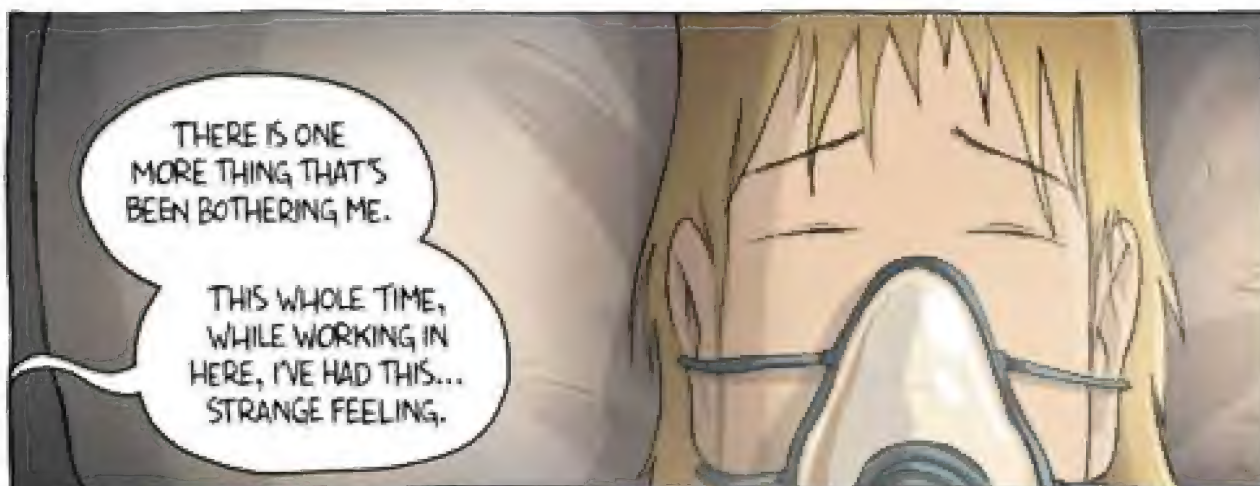


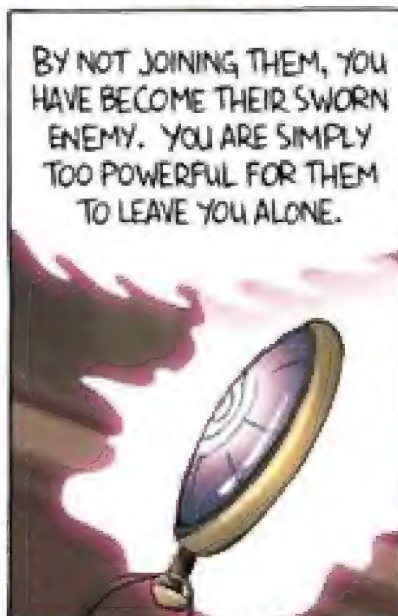


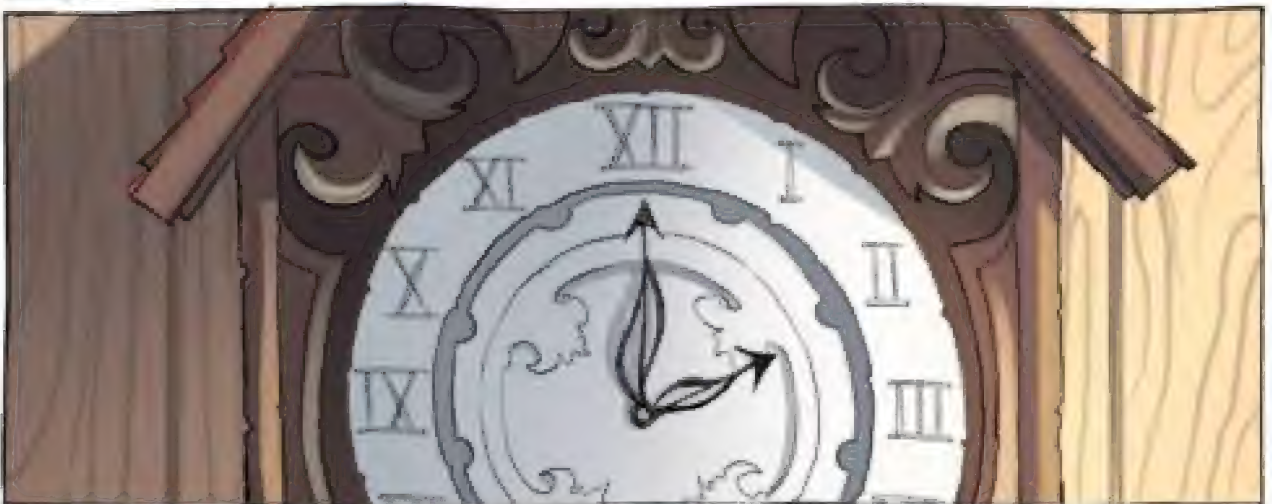


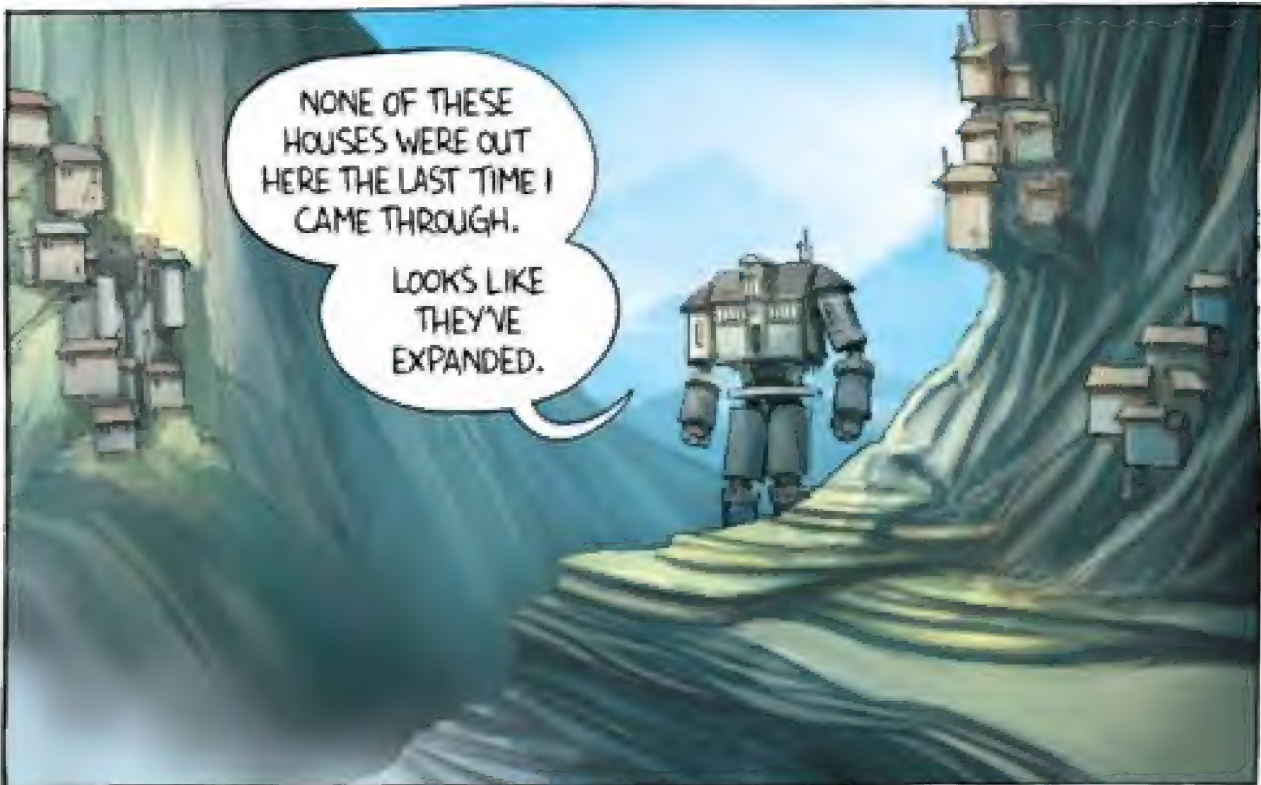






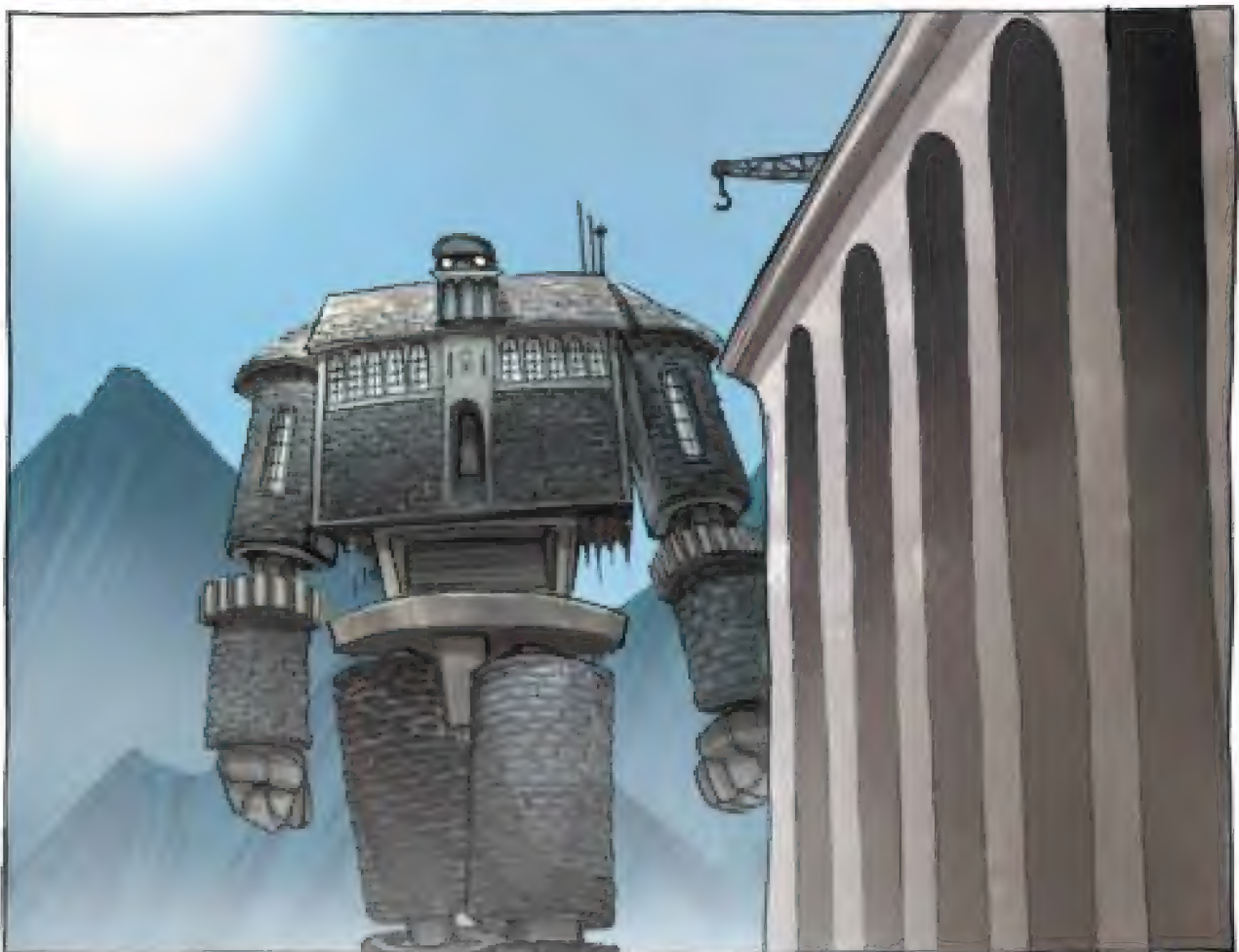














SHOULD WE
ATTACK THEM
NOW, SIR?



NOT YET.
HAVE SOMEONE
FOLLOW THEM.

WE WILL NEED
TO SEPARATE THEM
FROM THEIR HOUSE
IN ORDER TO TAKE
IT OVER.

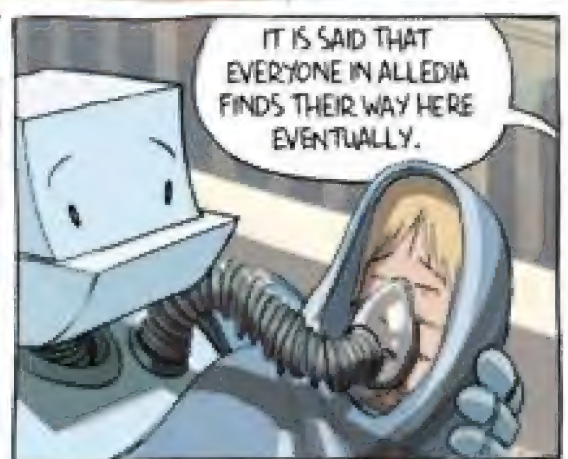
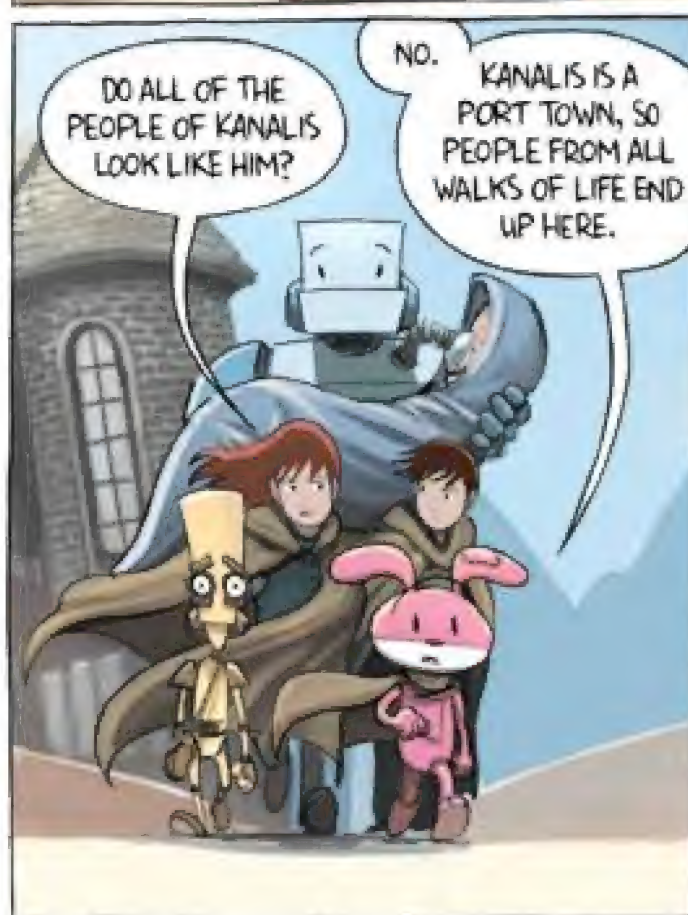


NOW WATCH
CAREFULLY,
TRELLIS.



I'M GOING
TO SHOW YOU
HOW TO EARN
YOUR FATHER'S
TRUST.







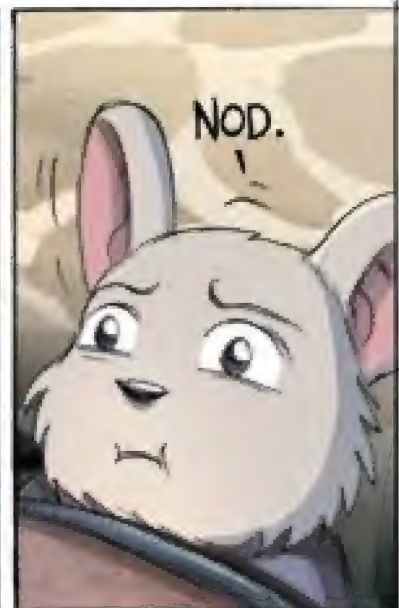




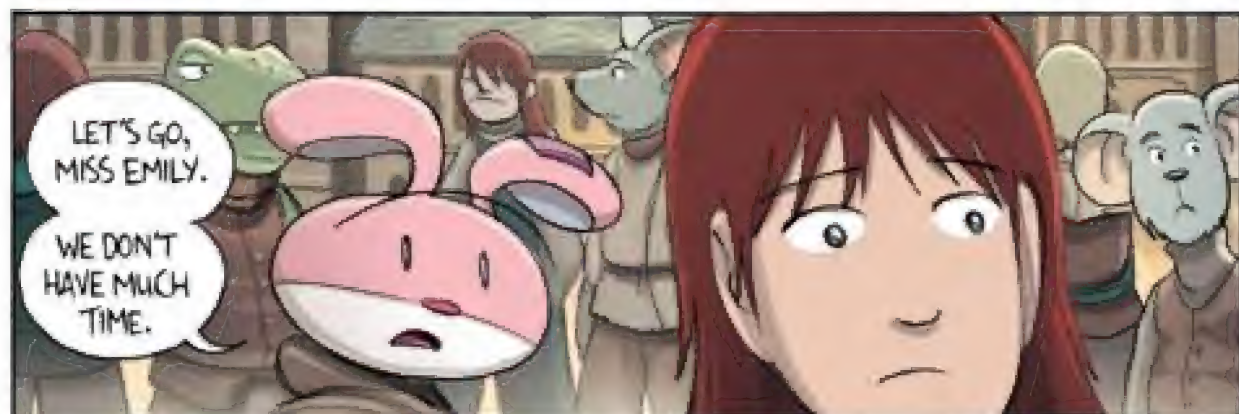


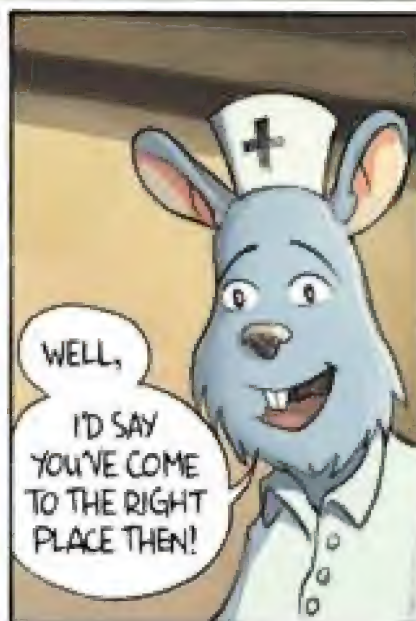






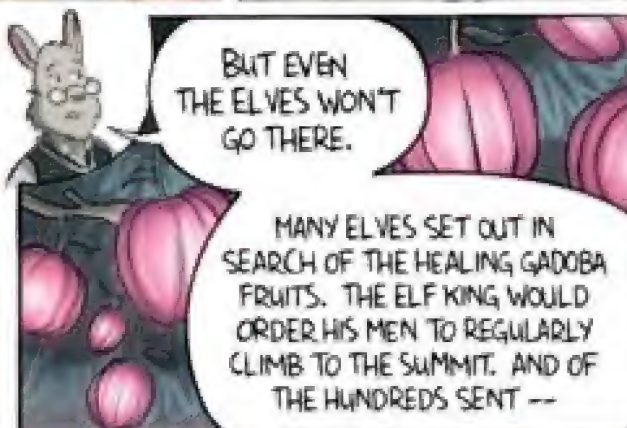
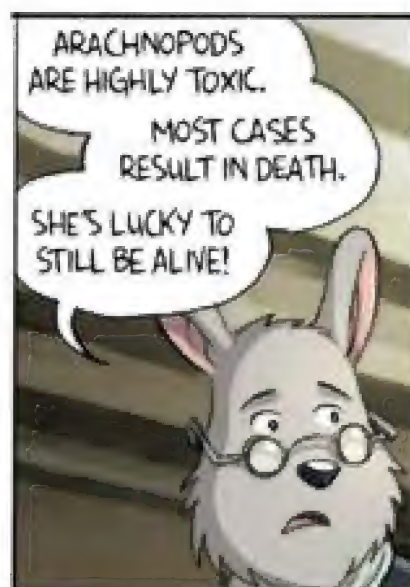














...OR DID SILAS FORGET TO TEACH YOU ABOUT YOUR INHERITANCE, STONEKEEPER?



YOU'RE NOT A BOUNTY HUNTER.
WHO ARE YOU?



MY NAME IS LEON REDBEARD.



I'M NOT LOOKING FOR PAY OF ANY KIND.
I ONLY ASK THAT YOU ALLOW ME TO TRAVEL WITH YOU AND FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE.



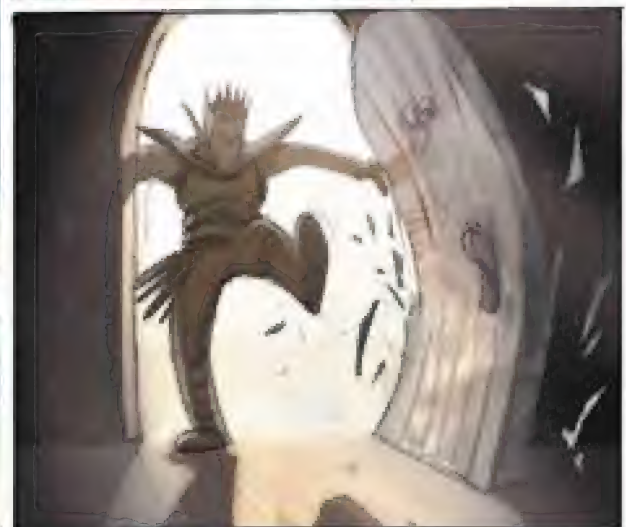
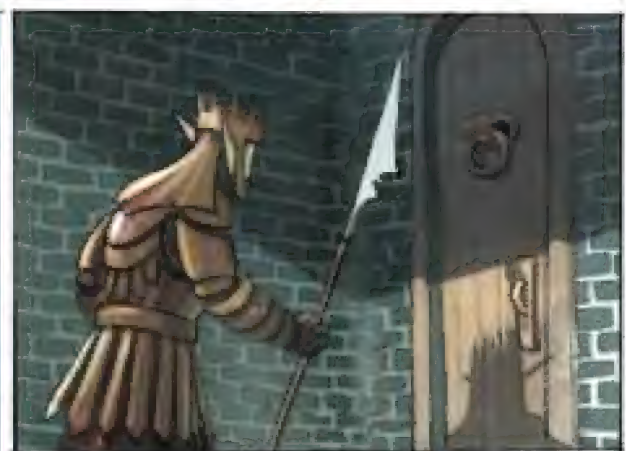
MY MASTER LEFT ME WITH THE DUTY OF PROTECTING EMILY FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

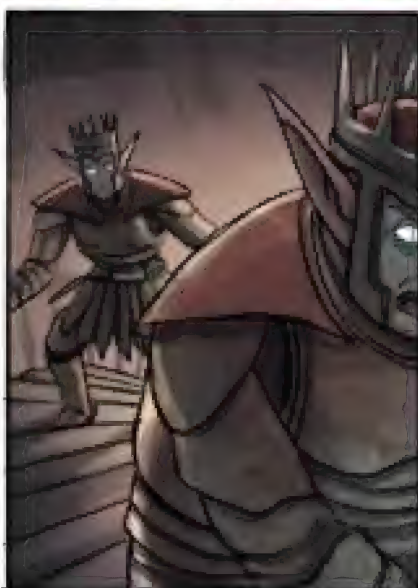


PEOPLE LIKE ME? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST?



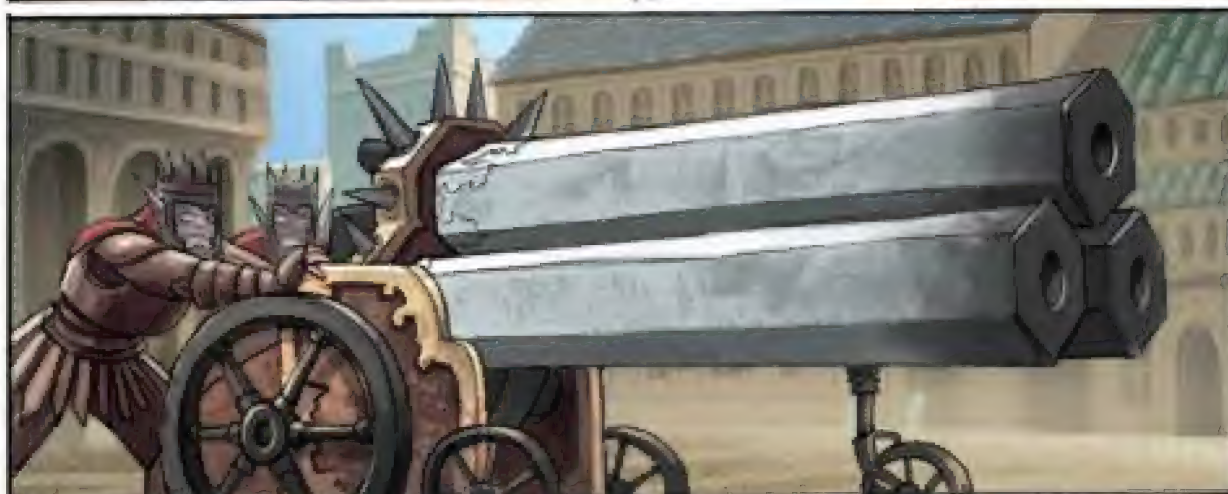
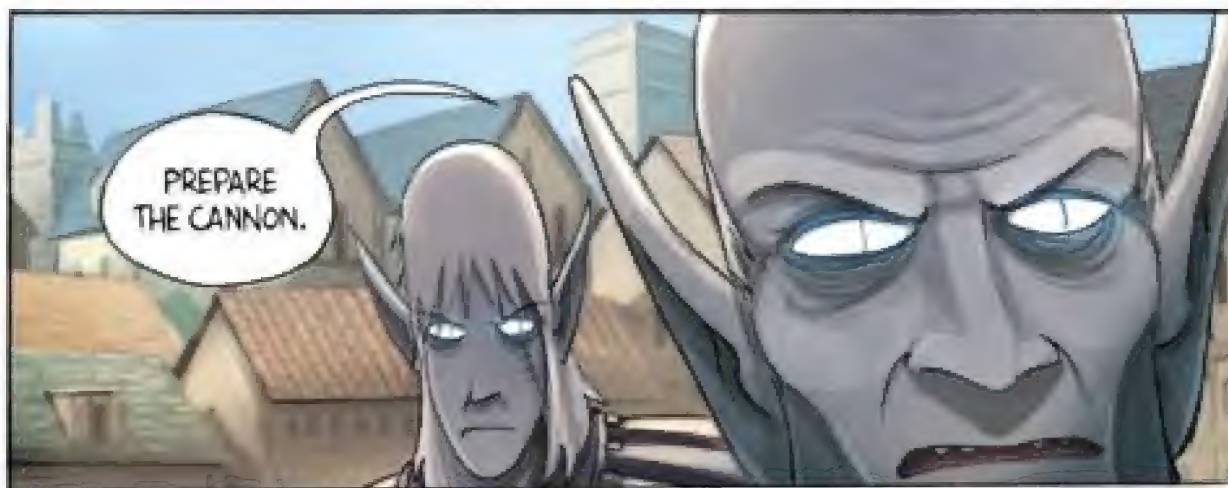
RING RING!



















START THE ENGINE AND GET OUT OF HERE!

YES, SIR!



LISTEN TO YOUR SISTER!

EM!!



TAKE GOOD CARE OF MOM!

EM!!!



TRUST ME, KID. YOU DON'T WANT TO GO WHERE THEY'RE GOING.

EM...



I HOPE THEY GET THROUGH OKAY.

THEY WILL.



IT'S US TWO I'M WORRIED ABOUT.

US THREE.



ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURSELF KILLED!

HMPH.















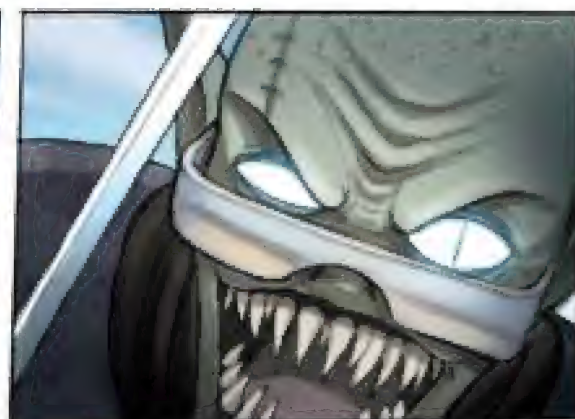




























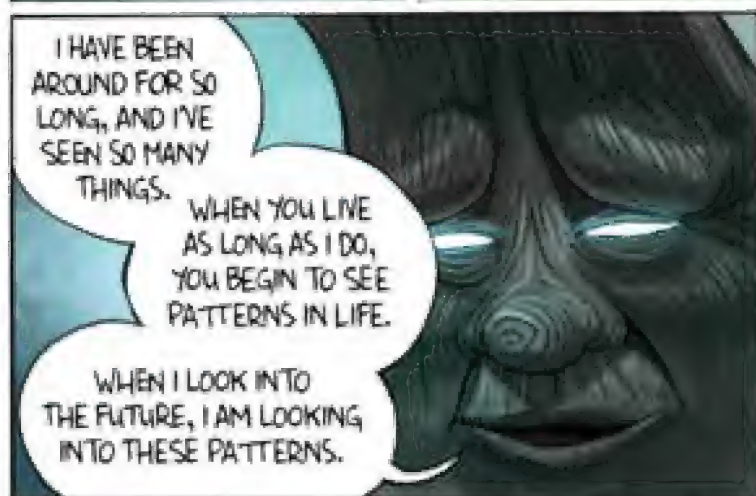














IT MIGHT
BE BETTER TO
SIMPLY HOPE
FOR THE BEST.



I NEED TO
KNOW THE
TRUTH.
WILL SHE
BE OKAY?



I SEE THE IMAGE OF
YOUR SISTER ARRIVING AT
THE SUMMIT OF DEMON'S
HEAD MOUNTAIN.

THERE SHE WILL MEET
MY BROTHERS, AND SHE
WILL ATTEMPT TO PICK
THE FRUIT THAT WILL
CURE YOUR MOTHER.



THE IMAGES THAT
FOLLOW ARE MUCH
LESS CLEAR.

BUT ONE PICTURE
APPEARS VIVIDLY.

IT IS THE IMAGE
OF YOUR SISTER
FALLING OFF OF
A CLIFF.

SHE IS
UNCONSCIOUS,
AND DEATH AWAITS
HER BELOW.

NO.



MORRIE!
WE HAVE TO
LEAVE!
NOW!

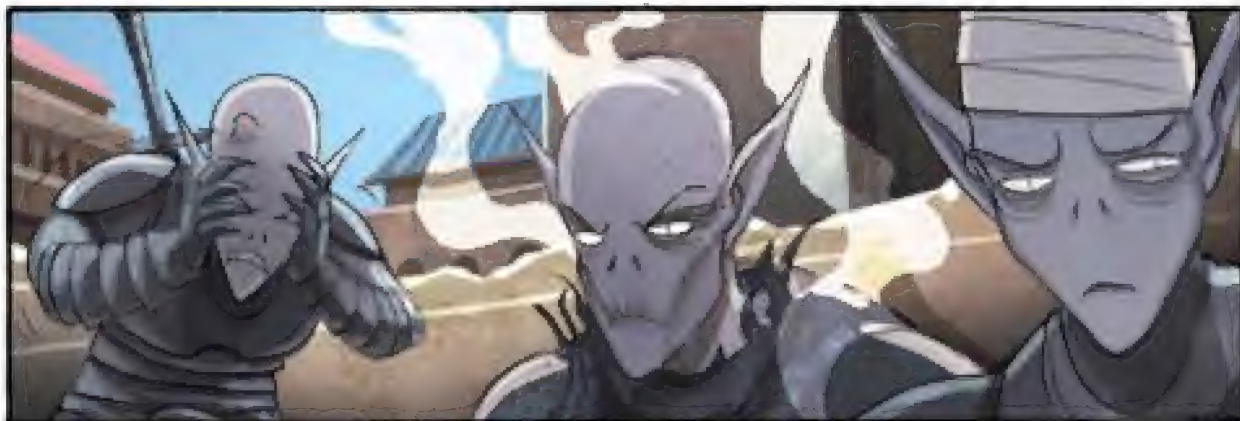


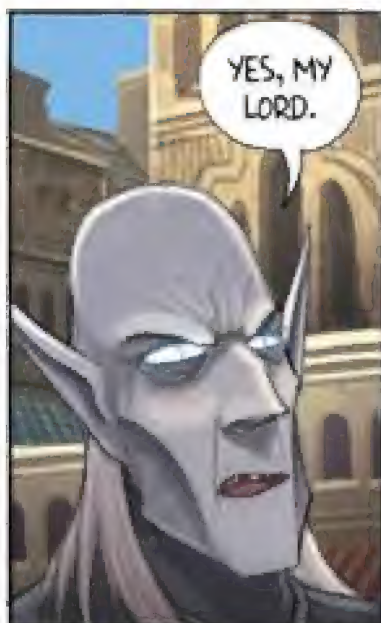
WAIT!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED
TO HEAR ABOUT
YOUR FUTURE!











YES, MY LORD.



I THOUGHT OUR JOB WAS TO CAPTURE HER.

NOT KILL HER.



MERCY IS FOR THE WEAK, BOY.



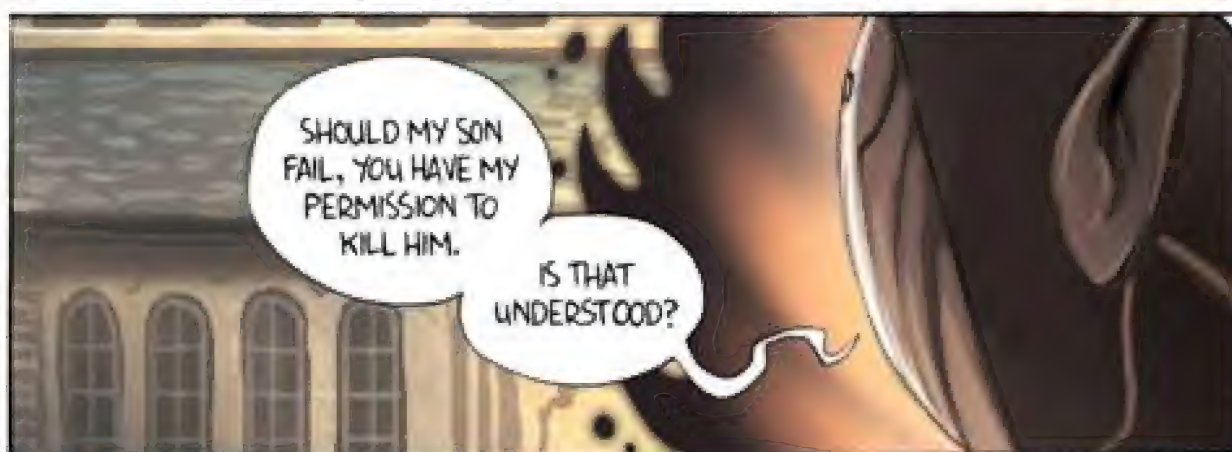
IF SHE WILL NOT JOIN US, THEN KILLING HER IS OUR ONLY OPTION.

SHE IS FAR TOO DANGEROUS TO BE LEFT ALONE.



LUGER, I WOULD LIKE TRELLIS TO BE THE ONE TO DELIVER THE FATAL BLOW.

BY KILLING THE GIRL, HE CAN PROVE HIS LOYALTY TO ME.



SHOULD MY SON FAIL, YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO KILL HIM.

IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?



YES,
MY LORD.



DO NOT
FAIL ME
AGAIN.



YOU WOULD
KILL ME,
LUGER?



I WILL
DO AS I'M
TOLD.

SOMETHING
I SUGGEST YOU
START DOING
YOURSELF.

















BUT WHY ME?



IT'S IN YOUR BLOOD, EMILY.

BUT MY MOM, AND HER FATHER --



THEY'RE DESCENDANTS OF SILAS, TOO.

WHY DIDN'T THEY WEAR THE STONE?



BECAUSE SILAS CHOSE TO LEAVE THEM IN THE DARK.



HE KEPT THEM UNAWARE OF THEIR DUTY AS HEIRS TO THE STONE, AND LEFT THEM TO LEAD WHAT HE FELT WAS A NORMAL LIFE.



WHAT HE FAILED TO REALIZE IS THAT BY KEEPING THEM FROM THEIR FATE,

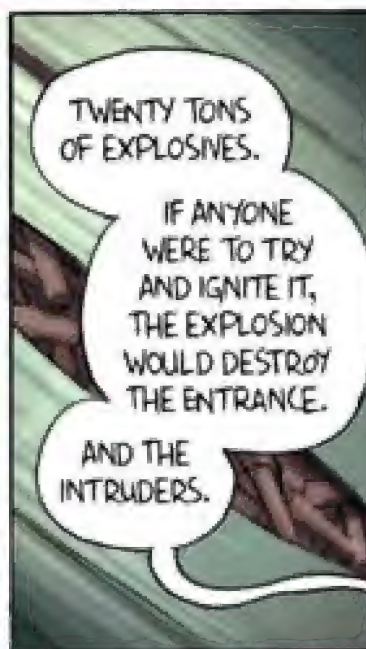
HE HAS PASSED THEIR BURDEN DOWN TO YOU.



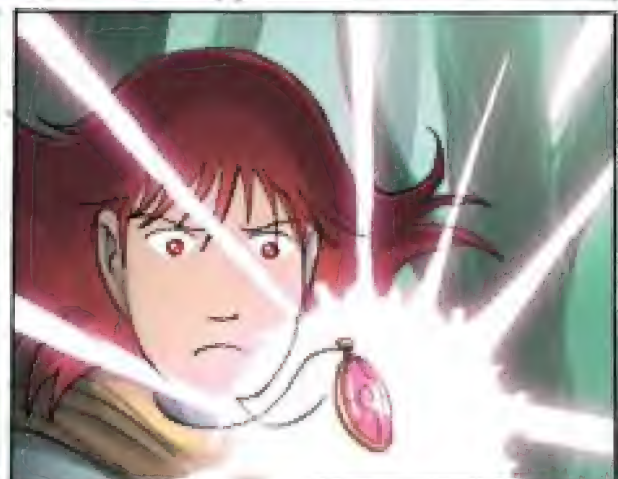
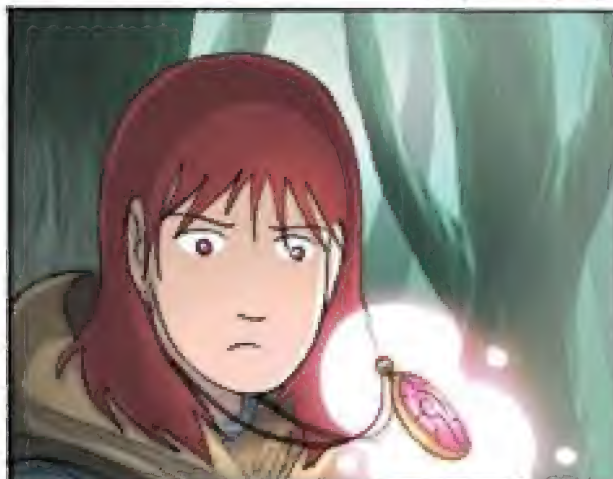
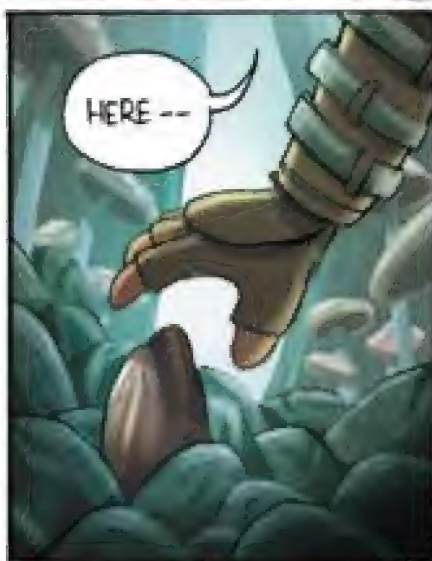
HOW CAN YOU SAY HE FAILED?

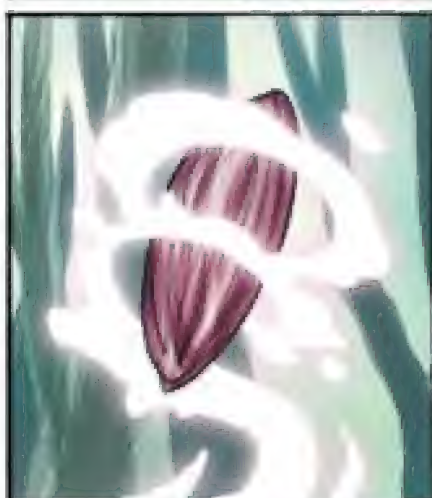
HE ONLY DID WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS BEST FOR HIS FAMILY.





























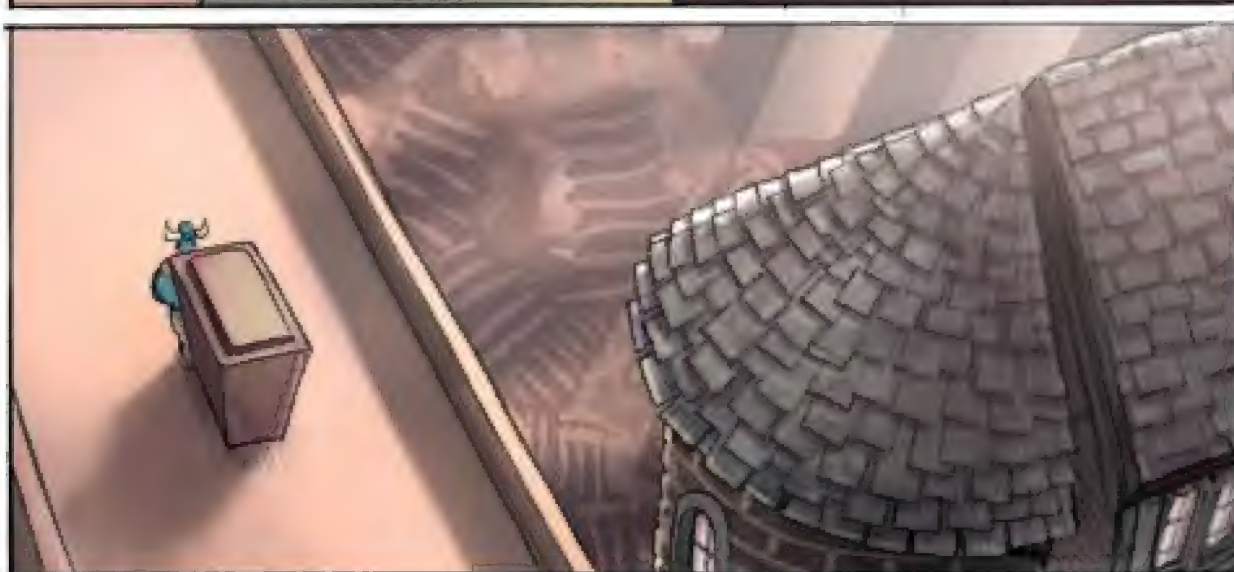














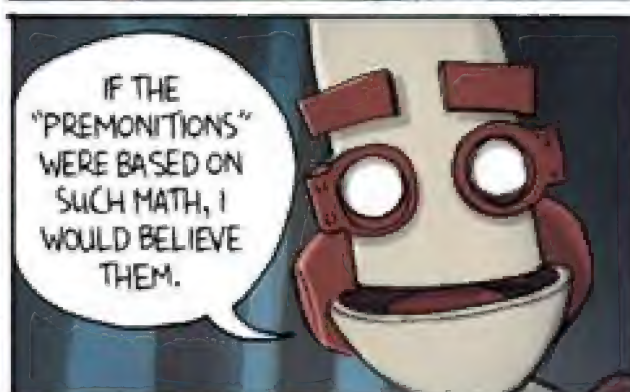
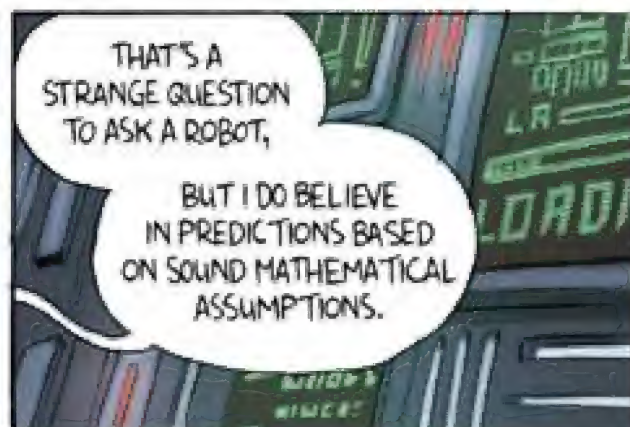


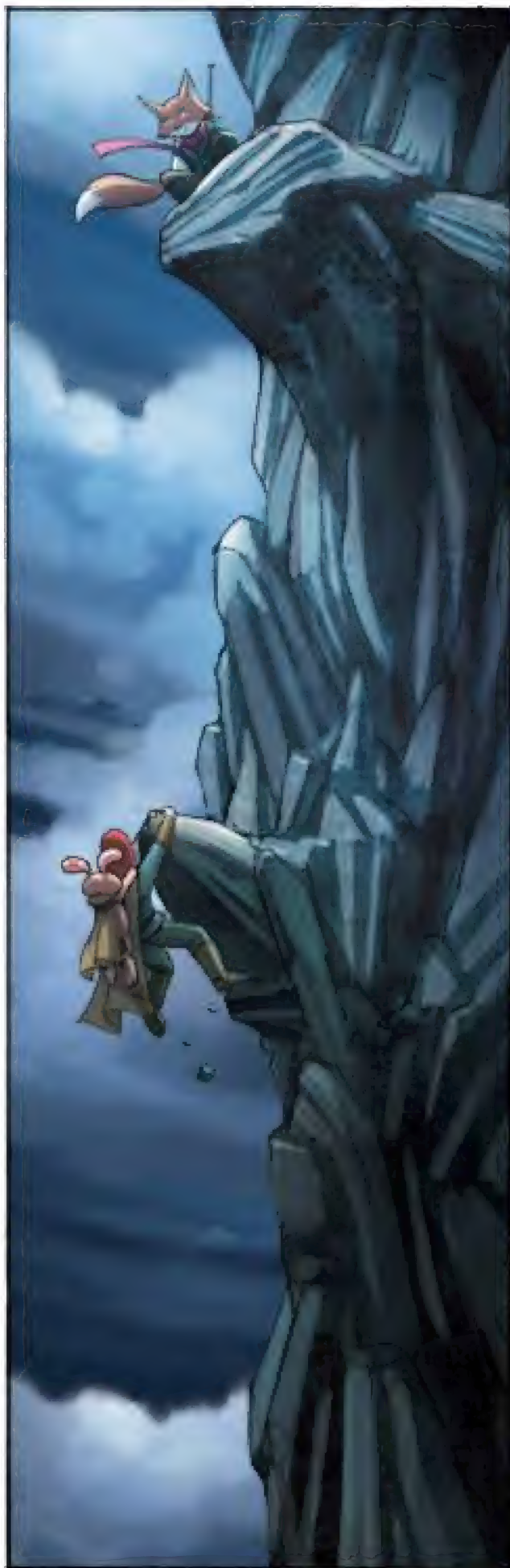
MORRIE SAID
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS
PLUG THIS INTO THE
MAIN TERMINAL.

JUST
GOTTA
FIND IT.











THE STONES TOOK CONTROL OF THEIR MINDS AND BODIES, AND WITH THE POWER SURGING THROUGH THEM, THEY WERE TRANSFORMED INTO COLOSSAL BEASTS.

WHEN THE TRANSFORMATION WAS COMPLETE, THEY BECAME DETERMINED TO DESTROY EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH, SETTING THE SURFACE OF ALLEDIA AFLAME.

IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE STONEKEEPERS WHO FOUGHT BACK AGAINST THE MONSTERS, YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER AMONG THEM, NONE OF US WOULD STILL BE AROUND TODAY.



THE RESISTANCE WAS
ABLE TO DESTROY THESE
POWER-HUNGRY ROGUE
STONEKEEPERS.

EXCEPT FOR ONE.

HE USED TO BE A QUIET
BOY FROM A SMALL ELF
VILLAGE, BUT AFTER HIS
TRANSFORMATION, HE
WAS NEVER THE SAME.

THE ELDERS WERE ABLE
TO SEPARATE HIM FROM
HIS STONE, AND DESPITE
HIS REQUESTS TO BE
EXECUTED, THEY LOCKED
HIM UP IN AN ATTEMPT
TO CURE HIM OF ITS
CURSE.



BUT WHEN HE TALKED,
HE SPOKE ONLY OF HIS
DESIRE FOR POWER, AND
WARNED OF DARK DAYS
TO COME.



HE TOLD THEM THAT
THEY WOULD REGRET
HAVING KEPT HIM
ALIVE,

AND THAT
HE WOULD SHOW
THEM WHY.

MY FATHER WAS
ONE OF THE GUARDS
ASSIGNED TO WATCH
OVER THE ELF.

HE WAS THERE
THE NIGHT THE
STONE RETURNED
TO HELP THE BOY
ESCAPE.



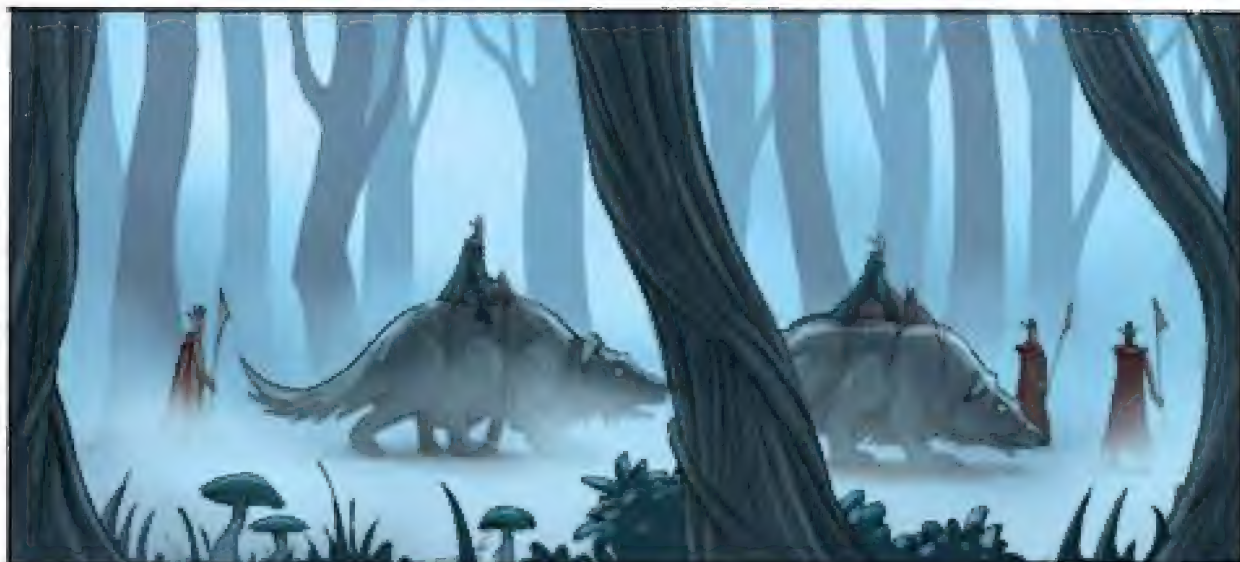
IT WAS THE LAST
TIME I SAW MY
FATHER ALIVE.



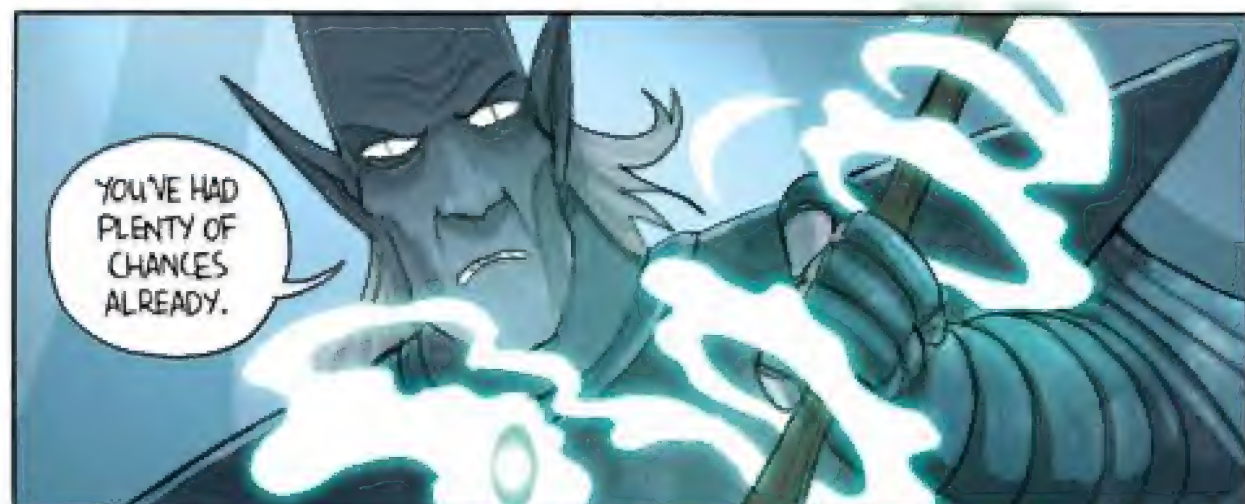
AND IT WAS THE
NIGHT THE ELF KING
WAS BORN.



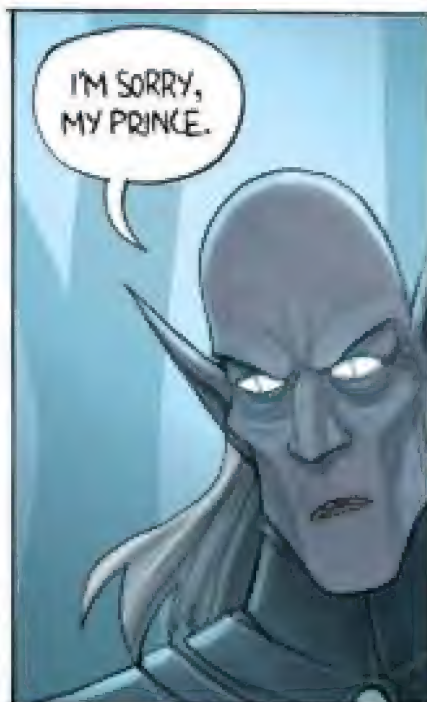










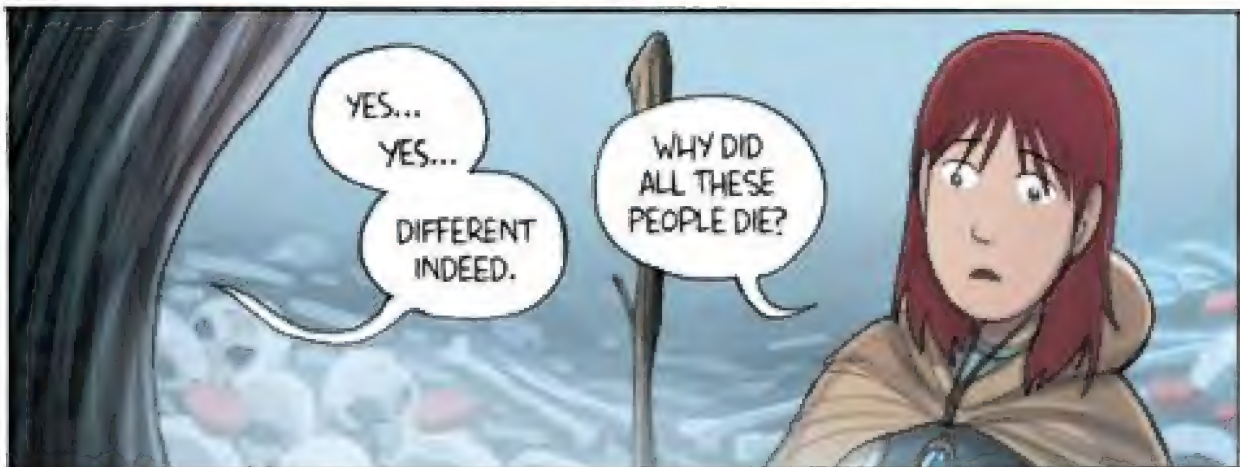






-- IN FRONT
OF US.







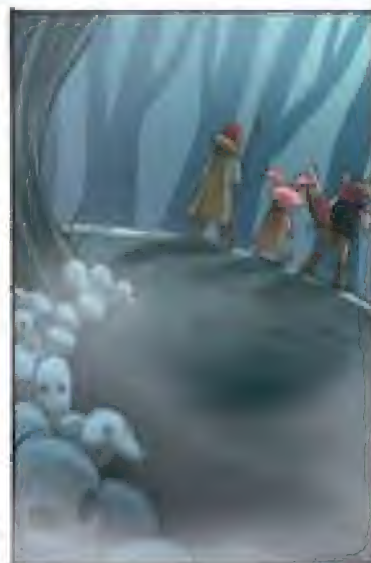
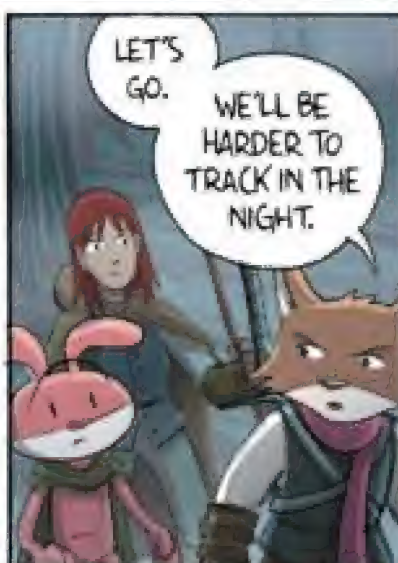


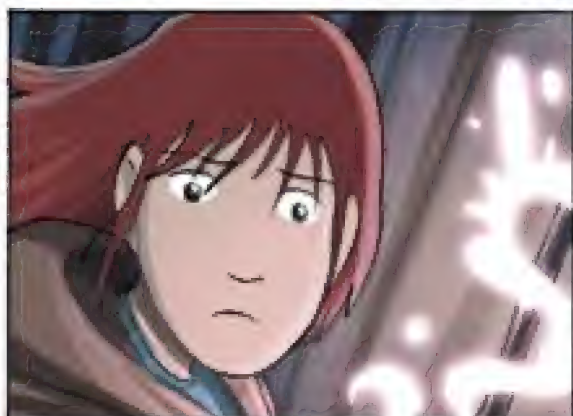


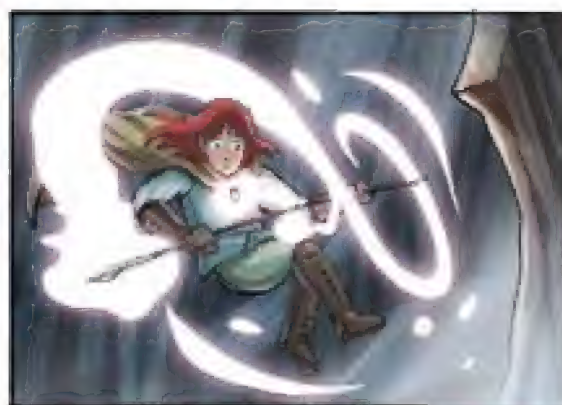
















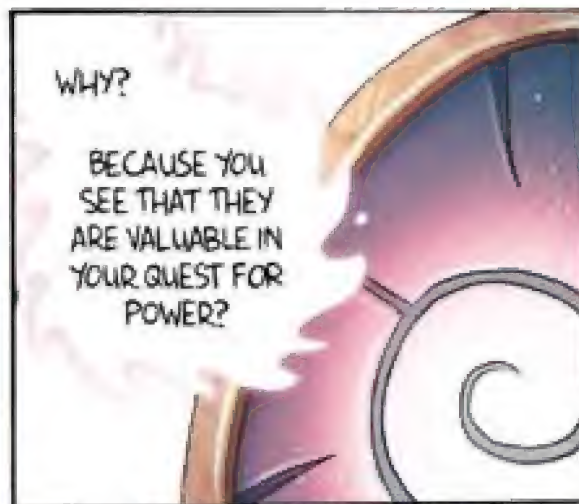






NO.

I NEED TO
BELIEVE IN
MY FRIENDS
AND FAMILY.



WHY?

BECAUSE YOU
SEE THAT THEY
ARE VALUABLE IN
YOUR QUEST FOR
POWER?



NO.

I NEED TO
BELIEVE IN
THEM --

BECAUSE THEY
BELIEVE IN ME.



AND HOW
WILL YOU FEEL
WHEN THEY ALL
DIE FOR YOU?

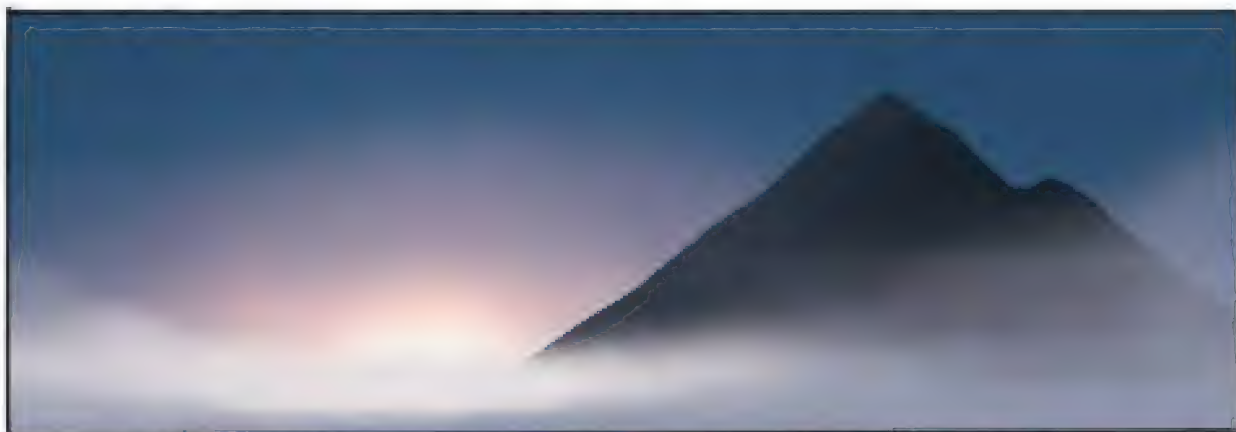


THAT WON'T
HAPPEN.

HOW CAN
YOU BE SO
SURE?

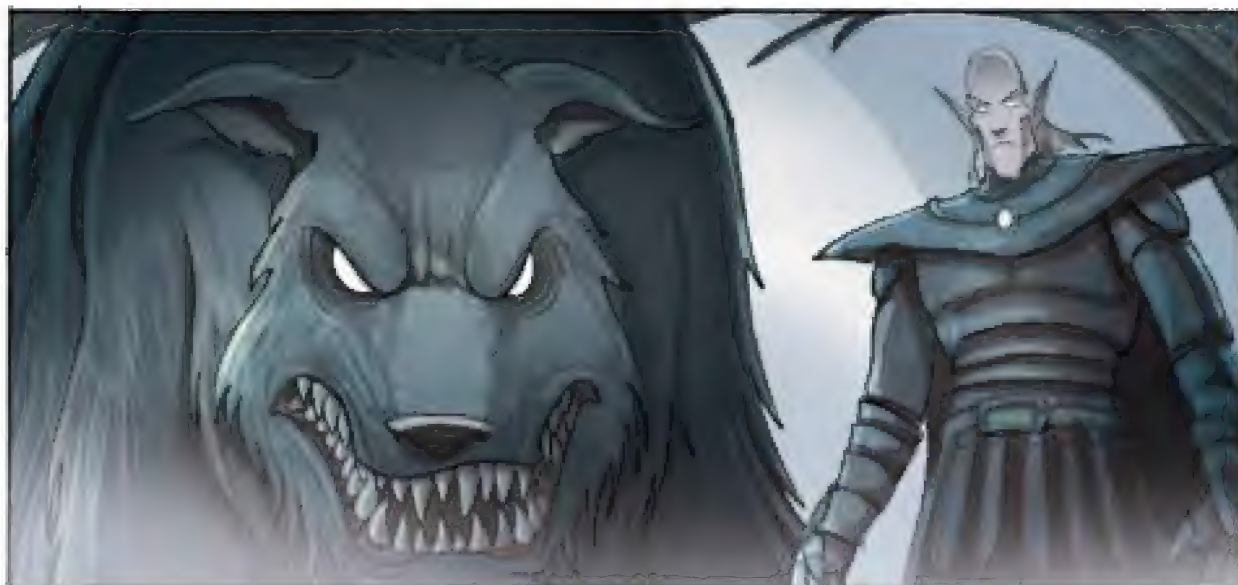


BECAUSE I
WON'T LET IT
HAPPEN.











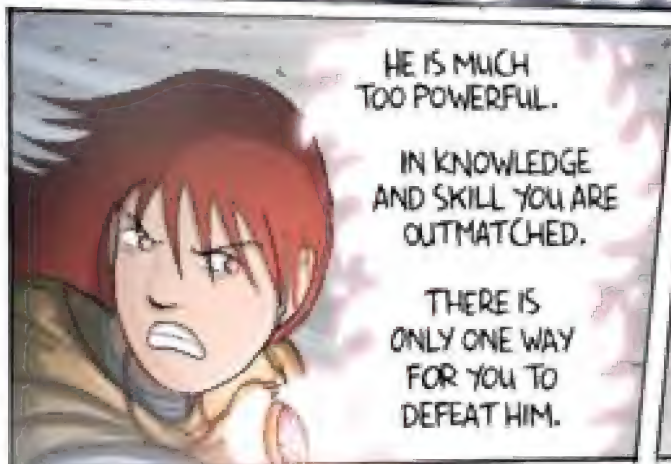












HE IS MUCH
TOO POWERFUL.

IN KNOWLEDGE
AND SKILL YOU ARE
OUTMATCHED.

THERE IS
ONLY ONE WAY
FOR YOU TO
DEFEAT HIM.



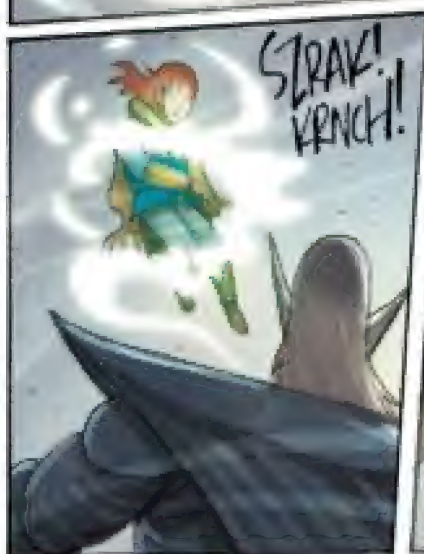
YOU MUST
GIVE CONTROL
TO THE STONE.



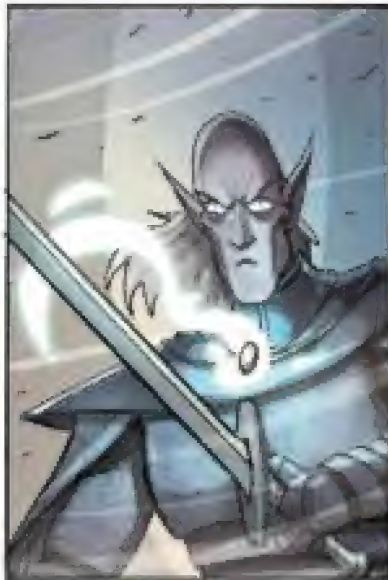
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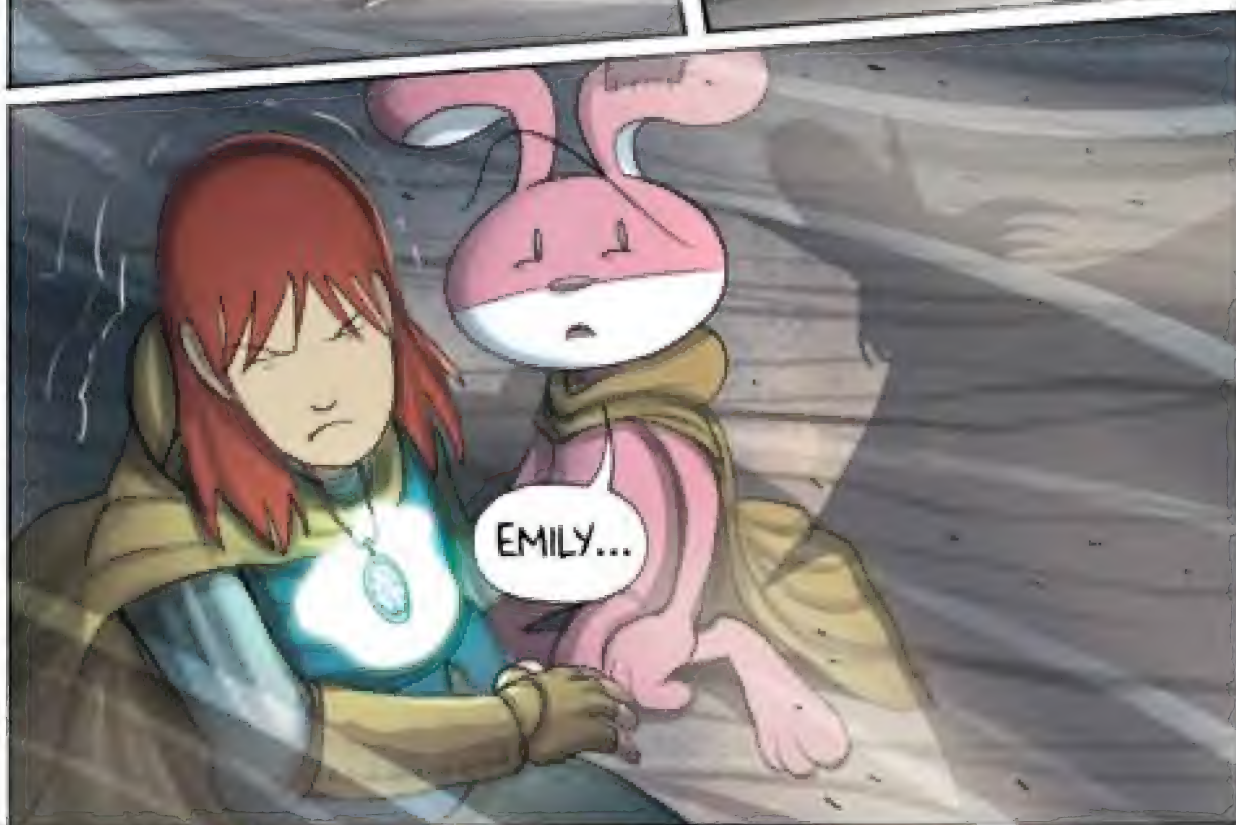
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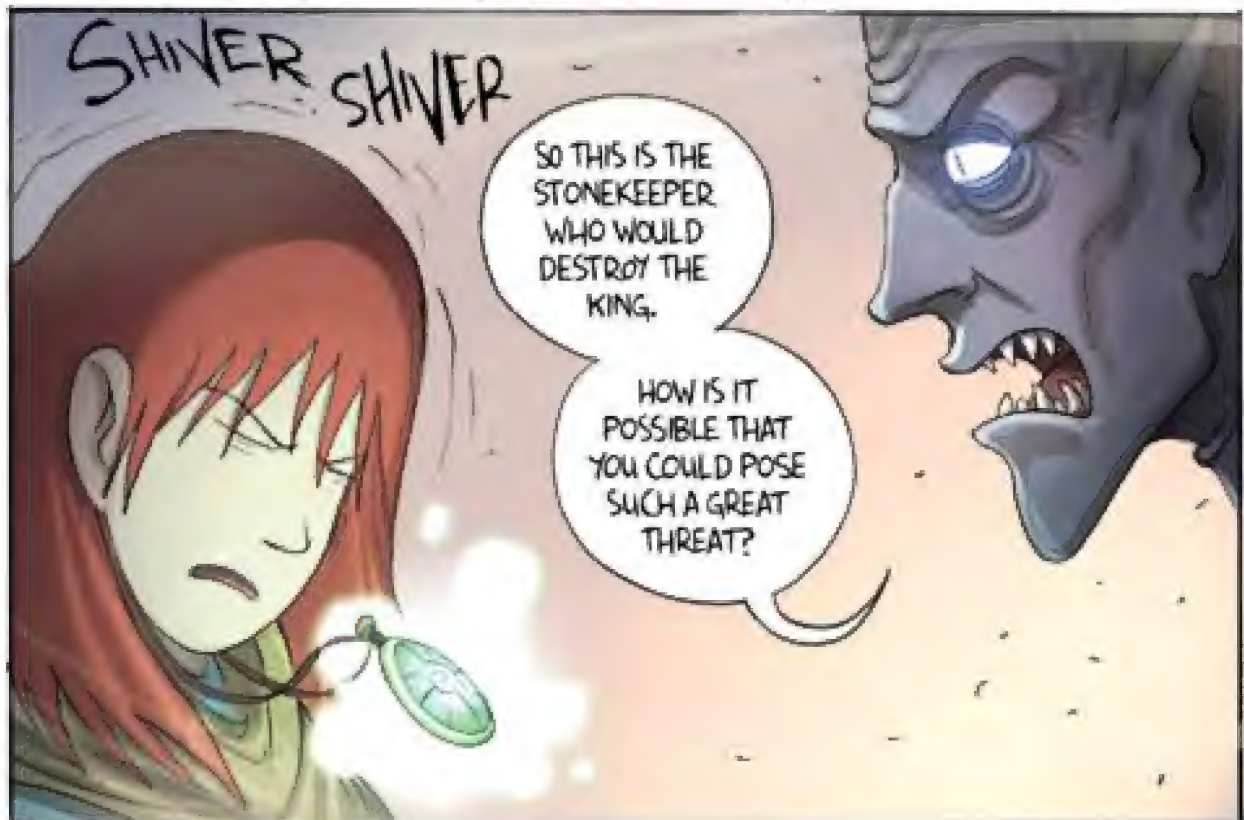


















WHAT
MAKES YOU
THINK YOU CAN
DEFEAT ME?



BECAUSE THE
KING TAUGHT ME
EVERYTHING HE
TAUGHT YOU.



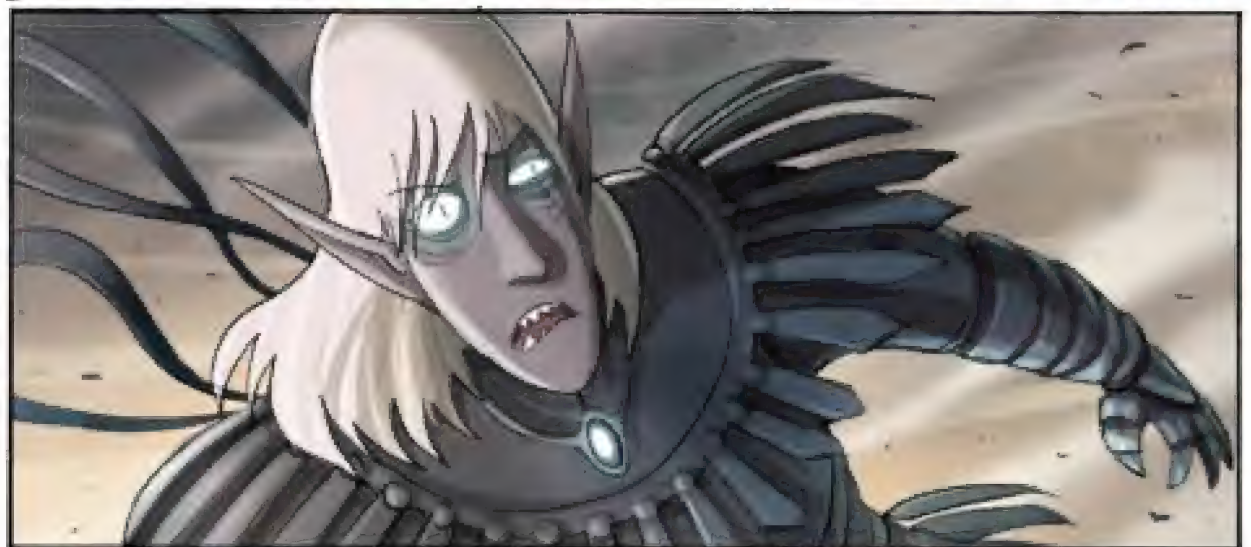
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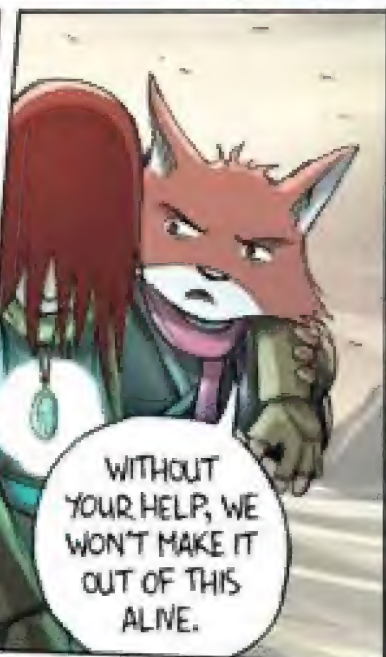
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EVERYTHING.



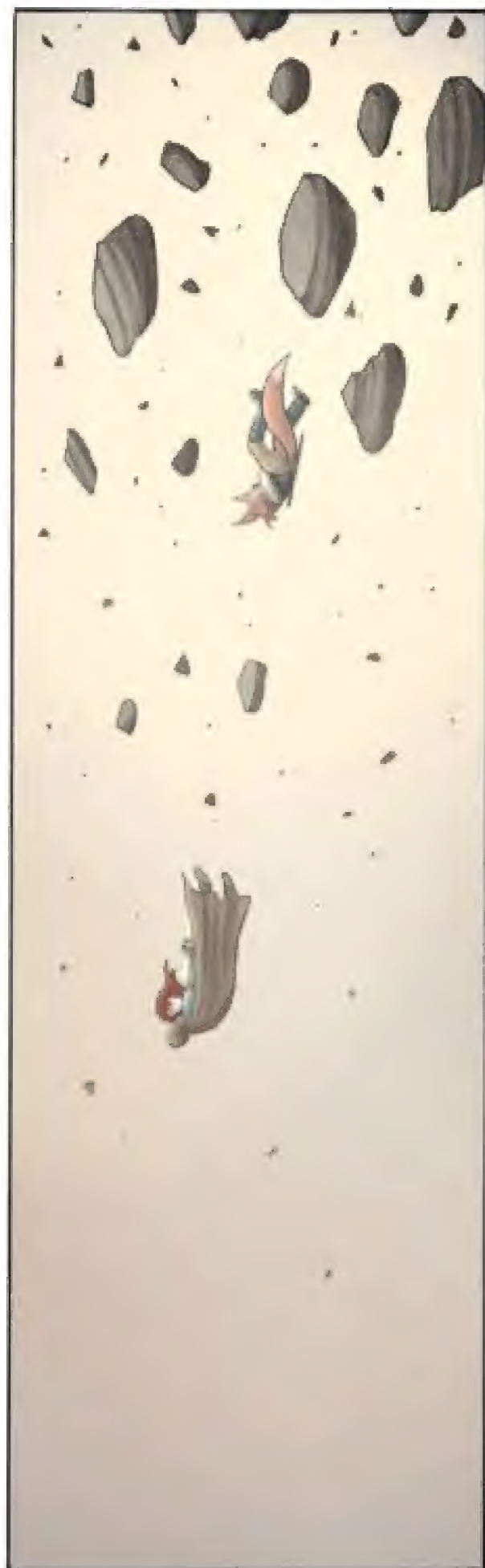
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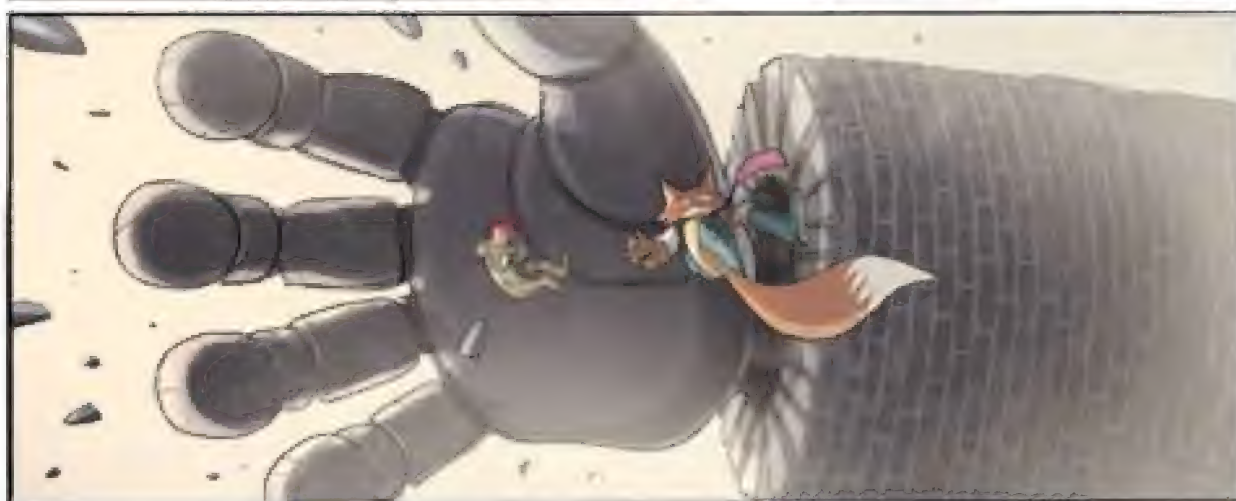




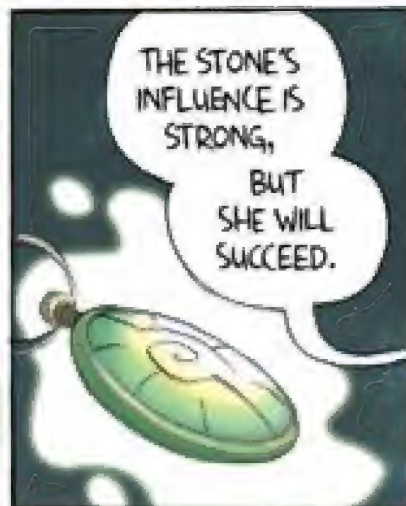
























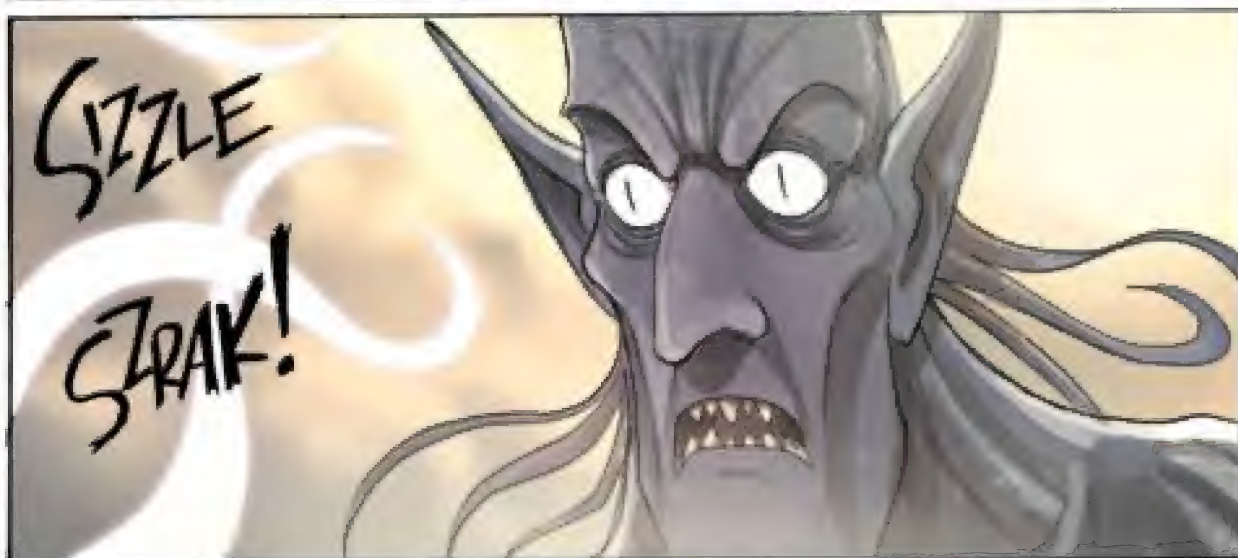
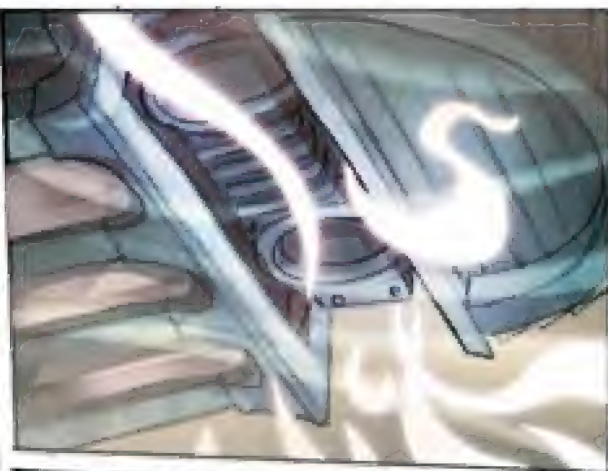


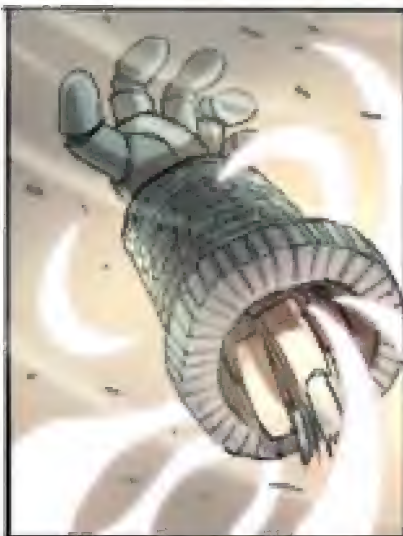
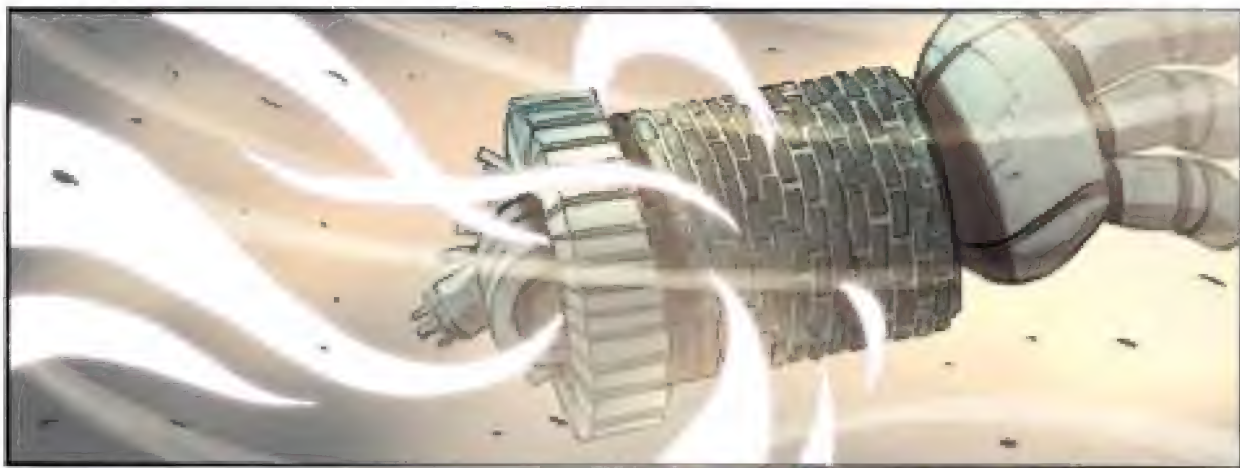


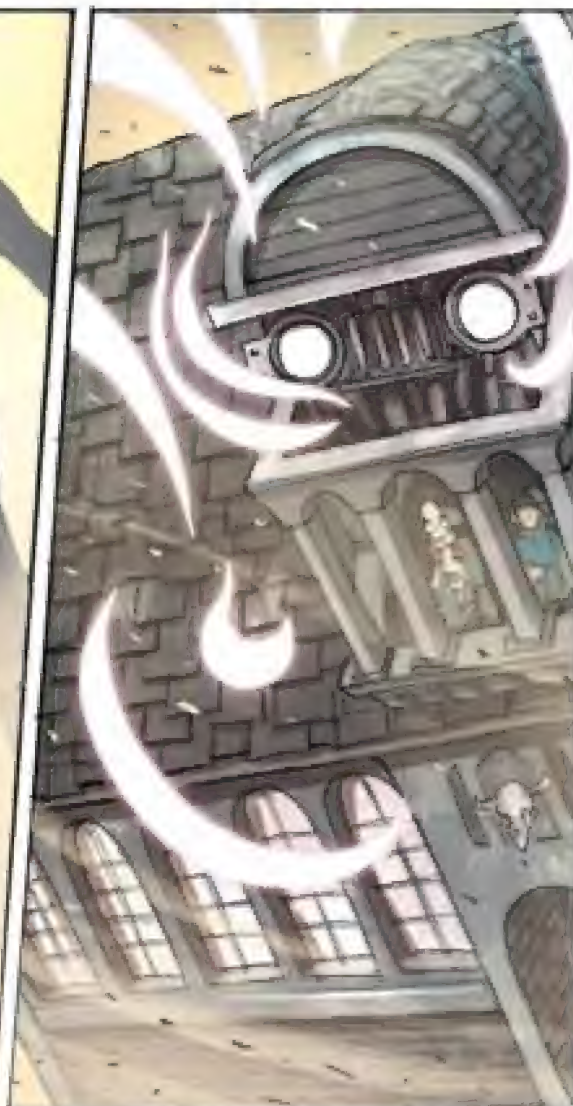






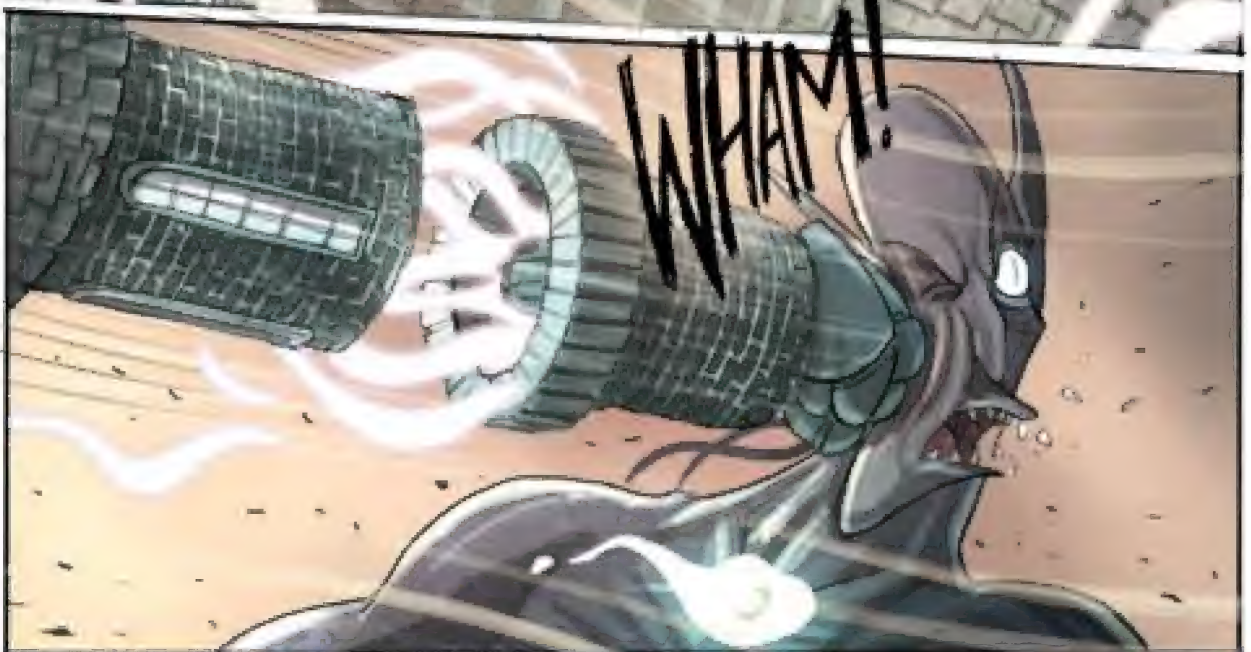










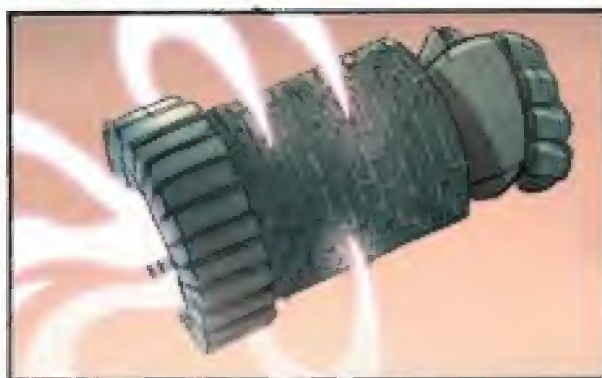




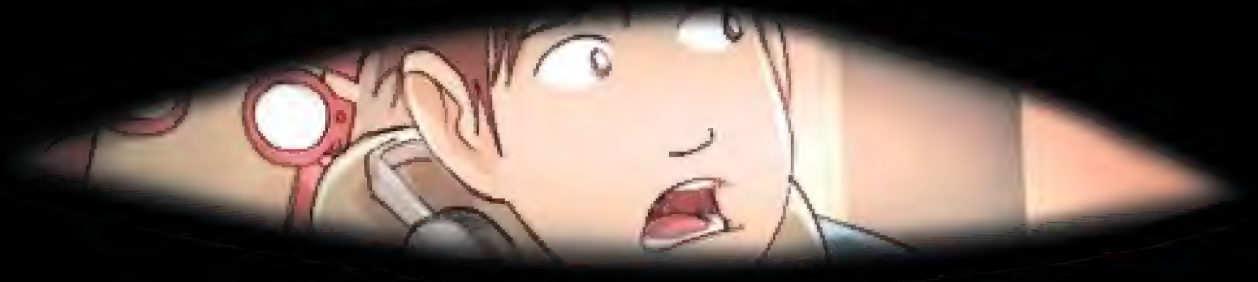


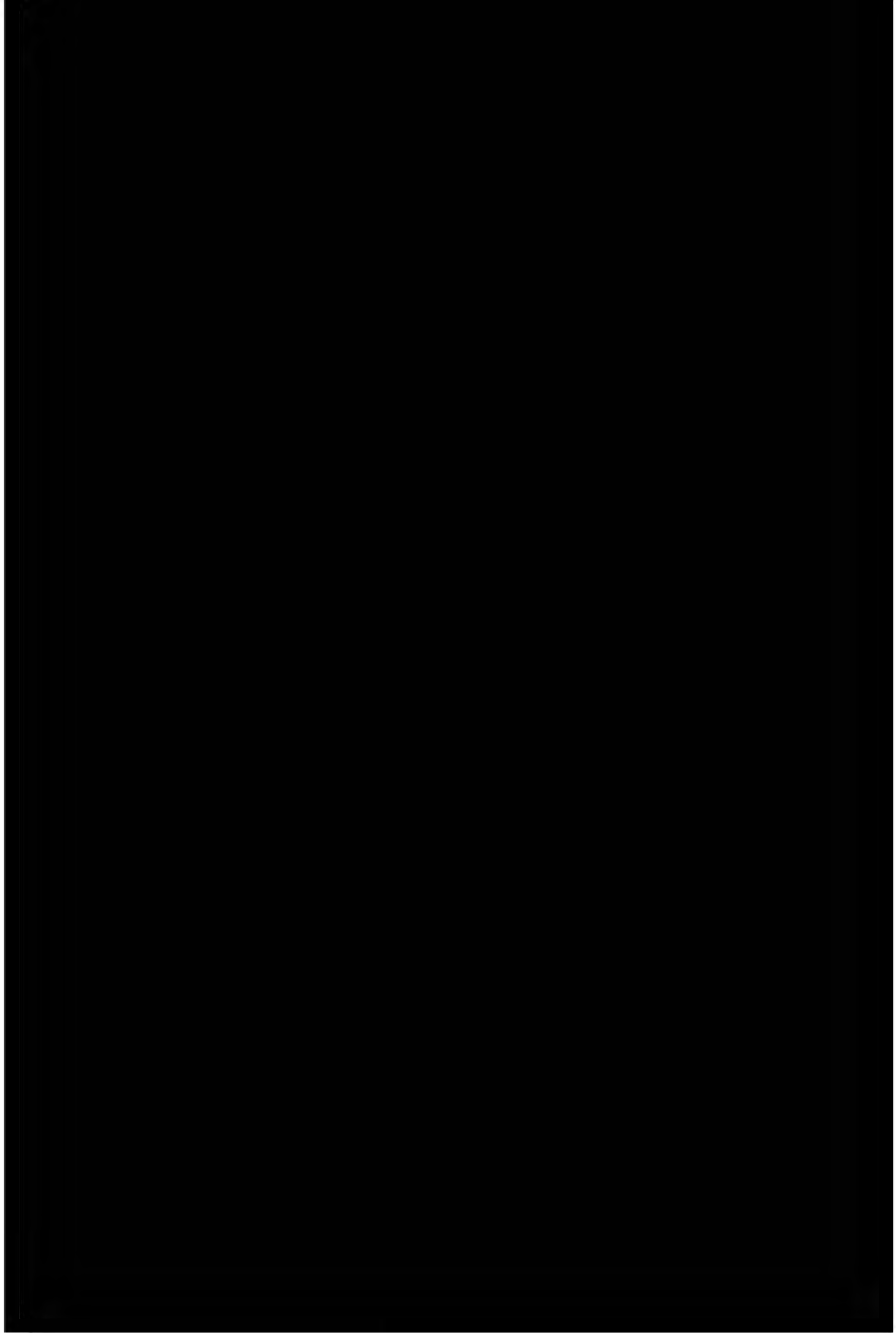


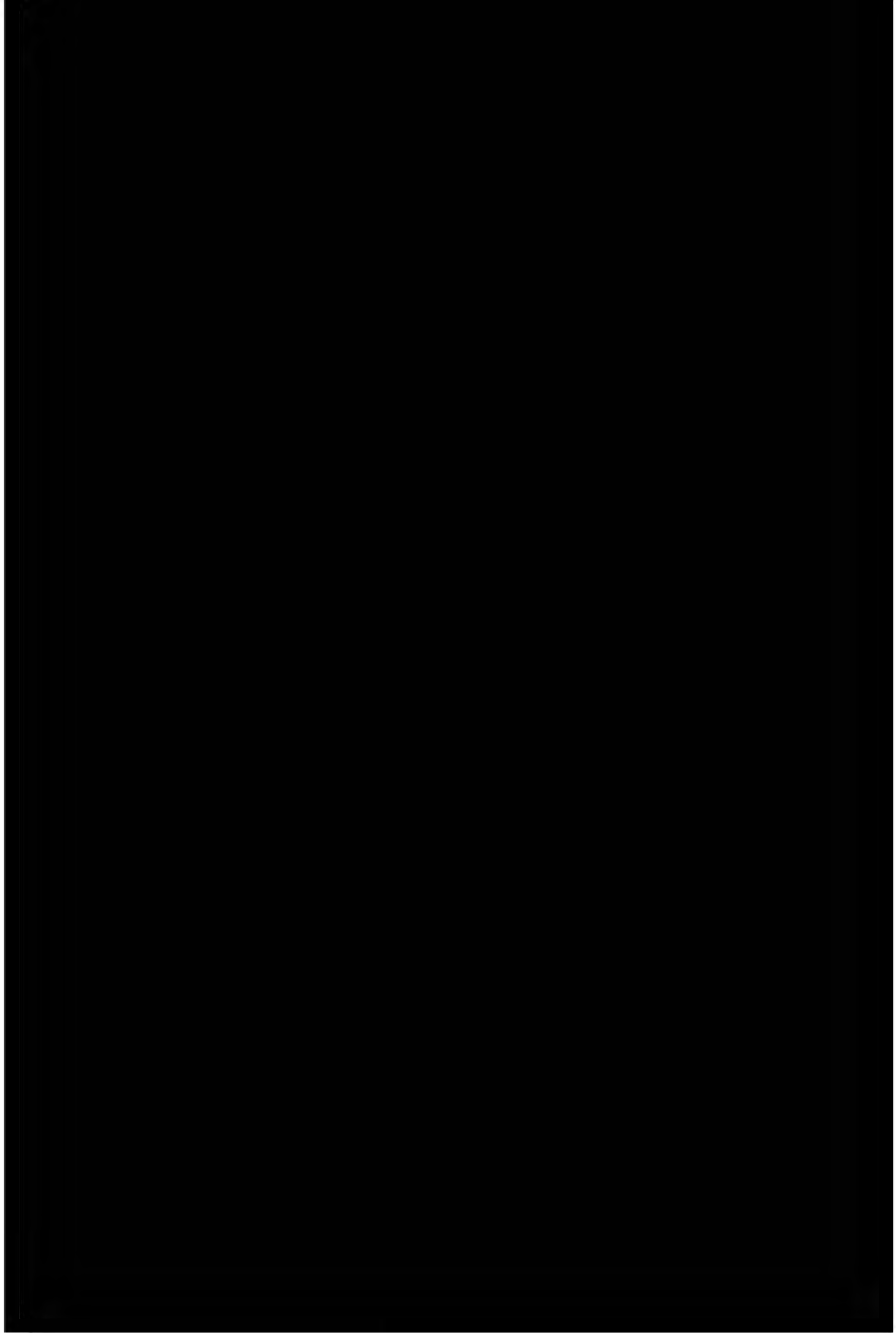






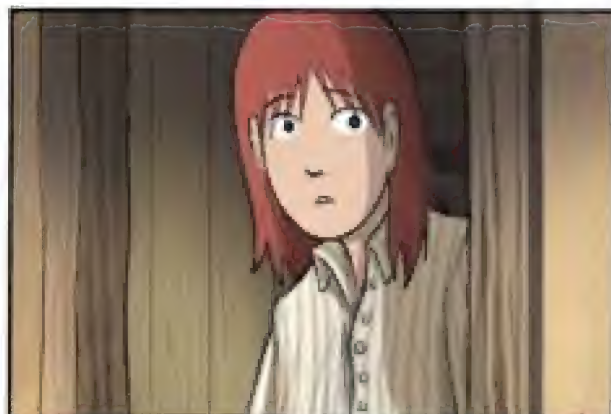


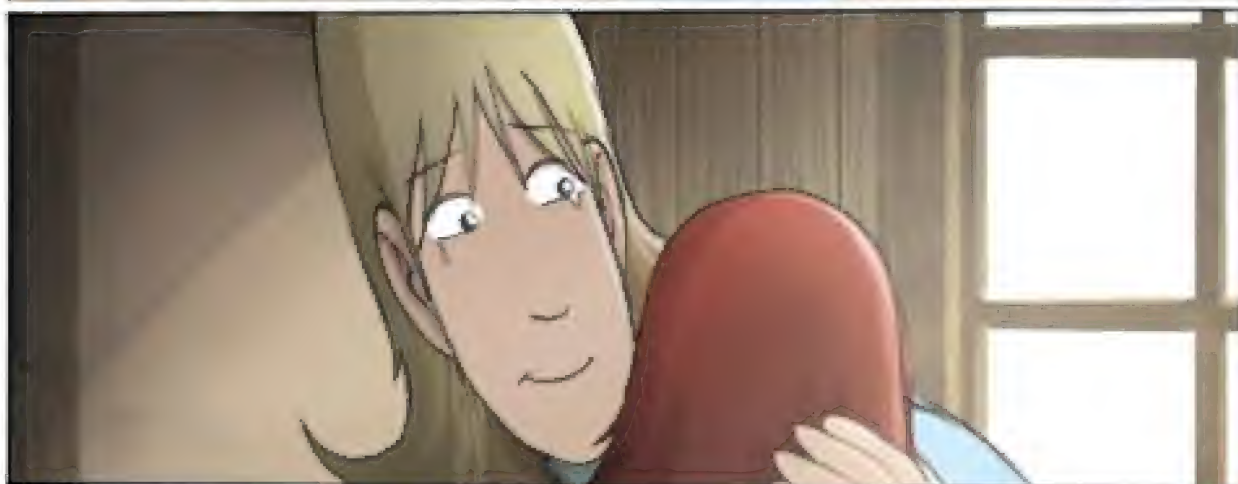




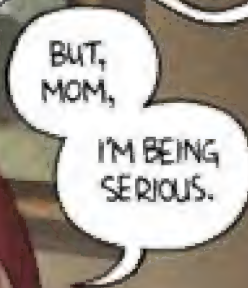












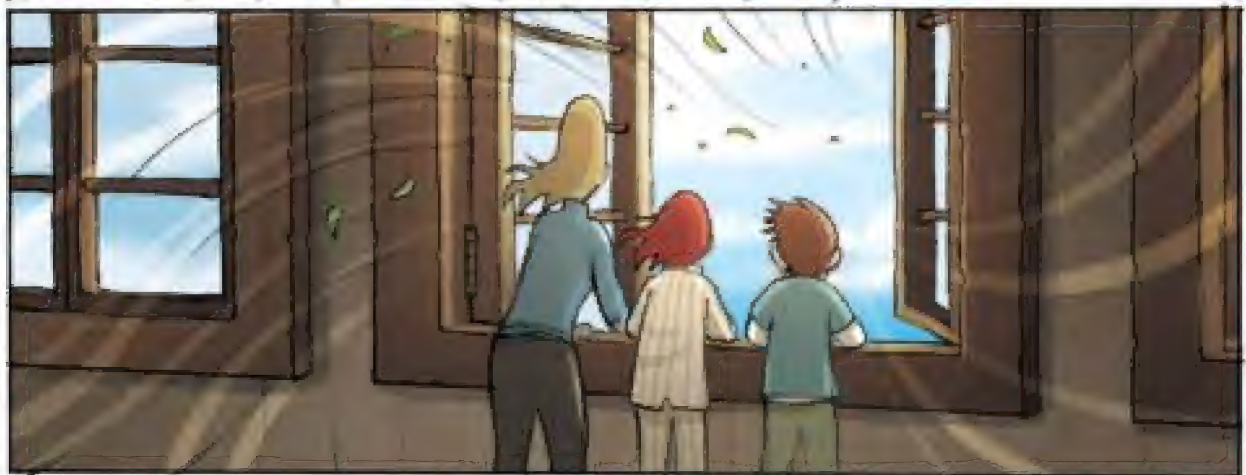


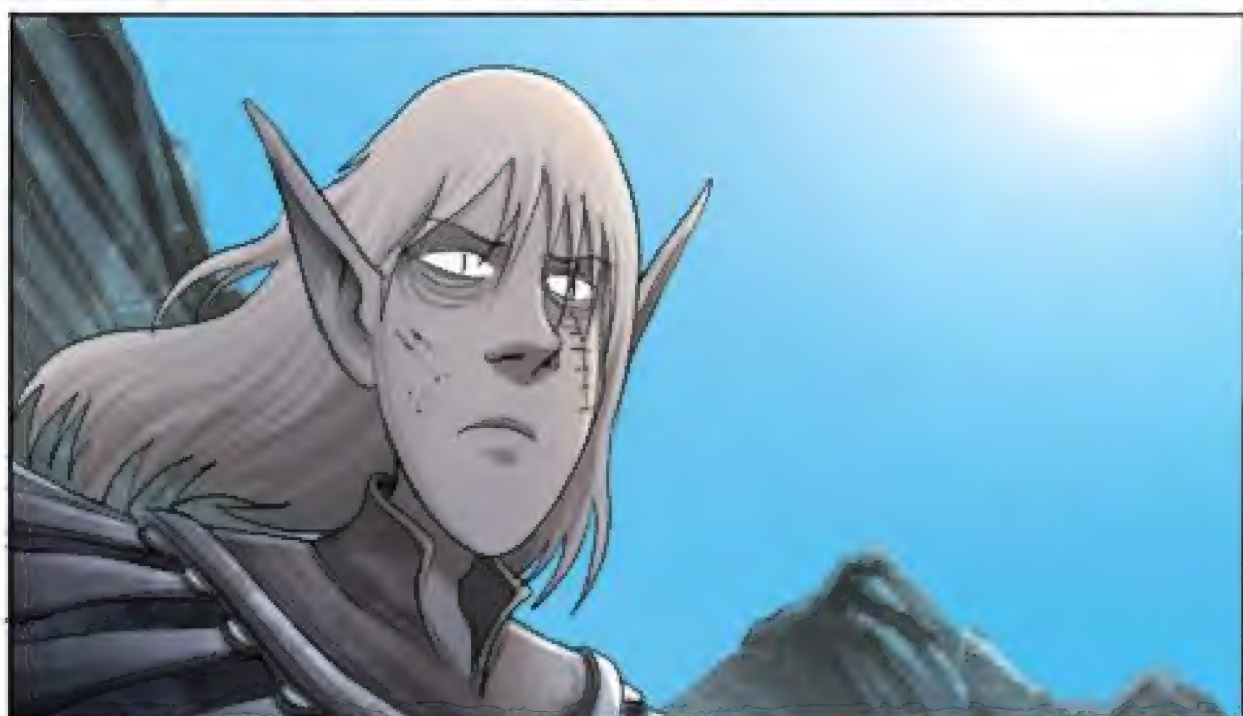













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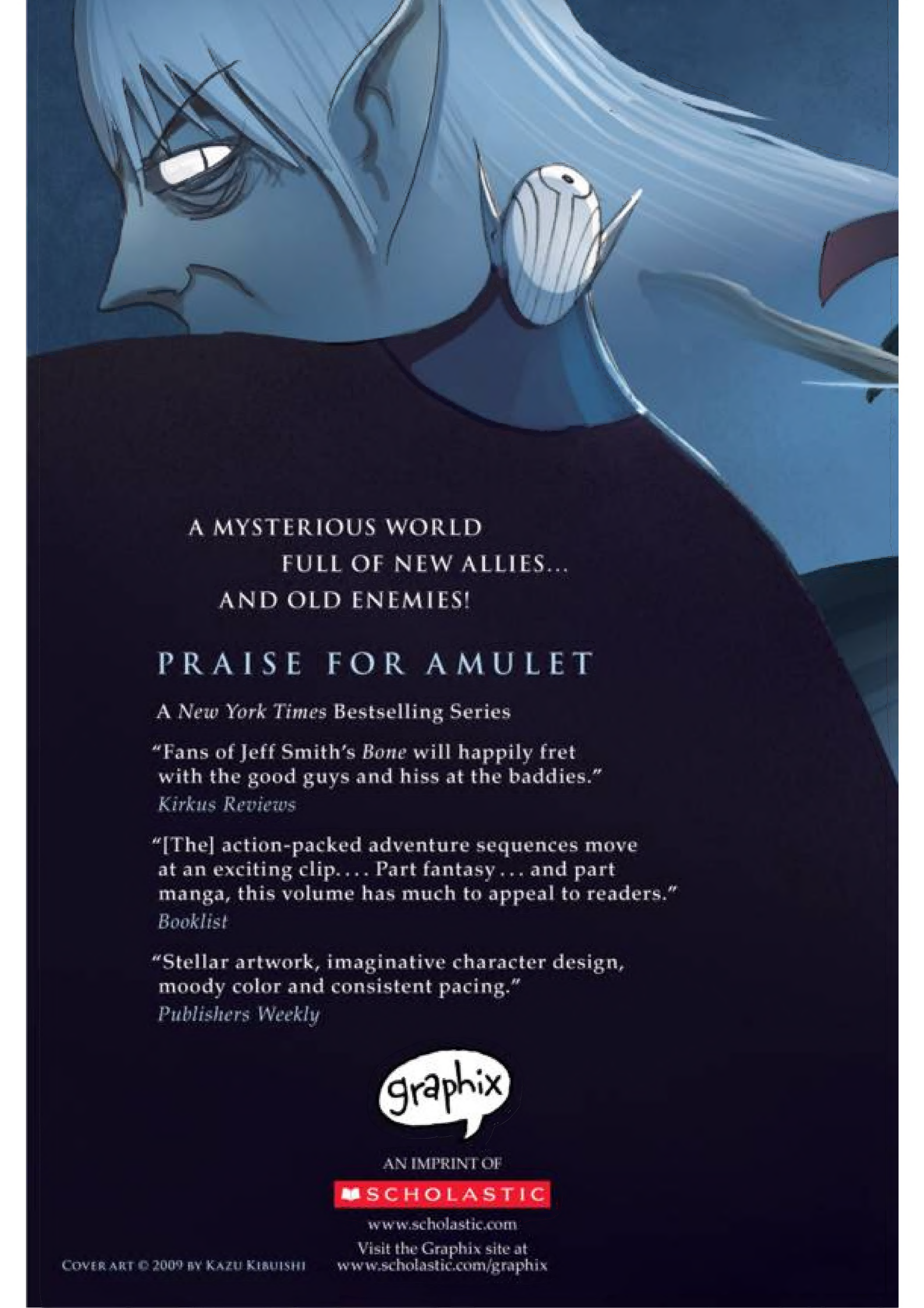
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